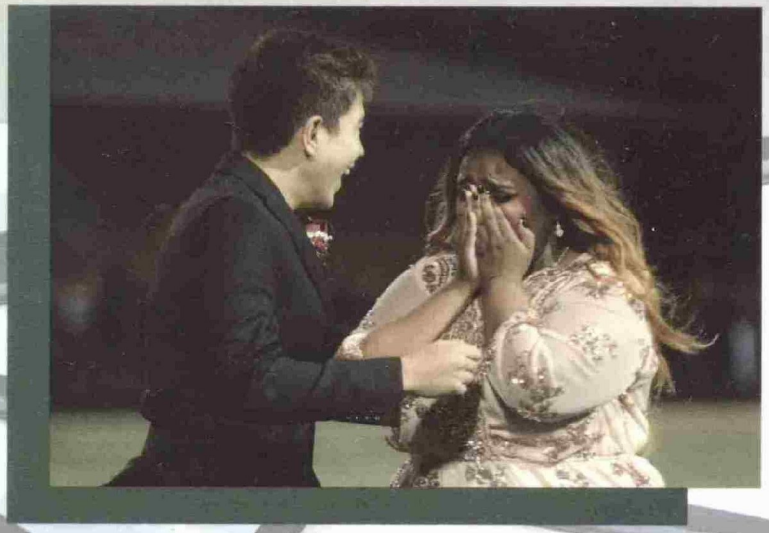

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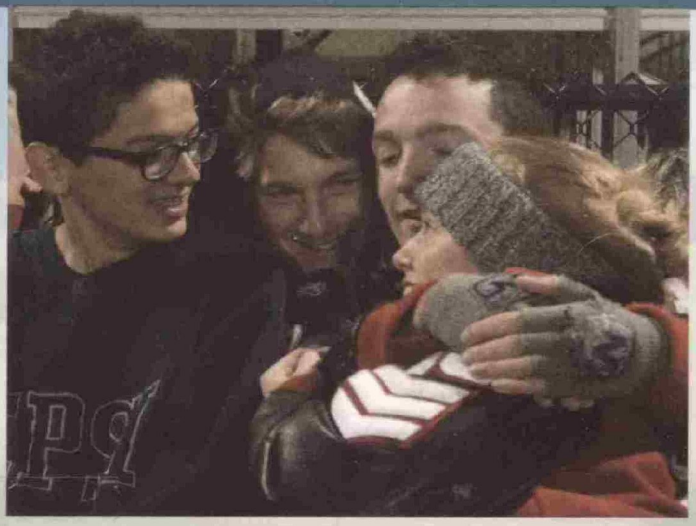

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Kamryn Soares, Jarrod Rodriguez and **Kylan Hodges-Jones**, freshman, laugh during fourth hour lunch.

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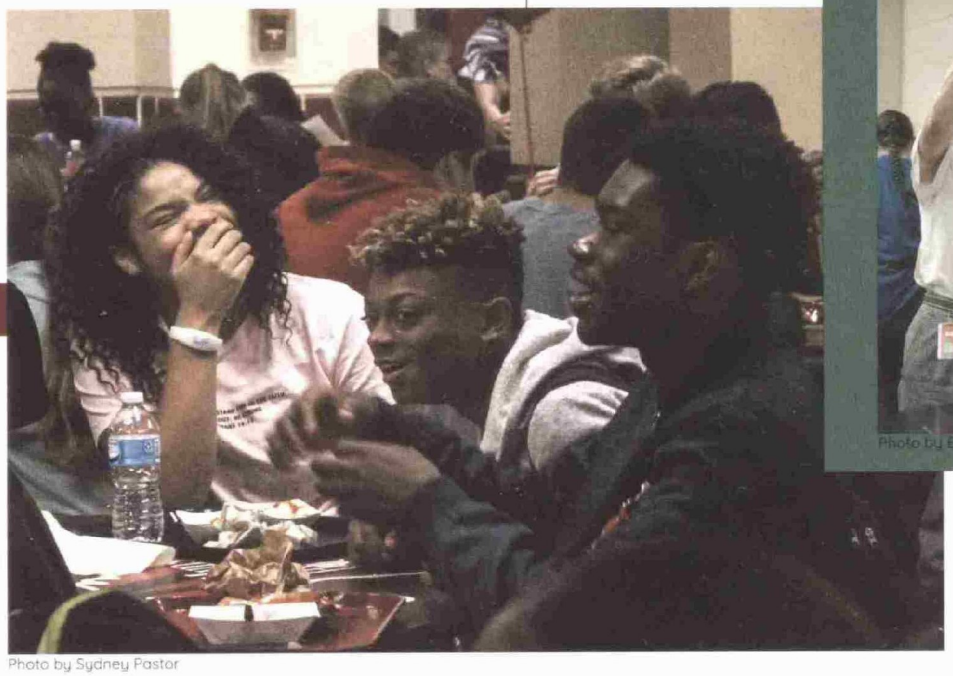

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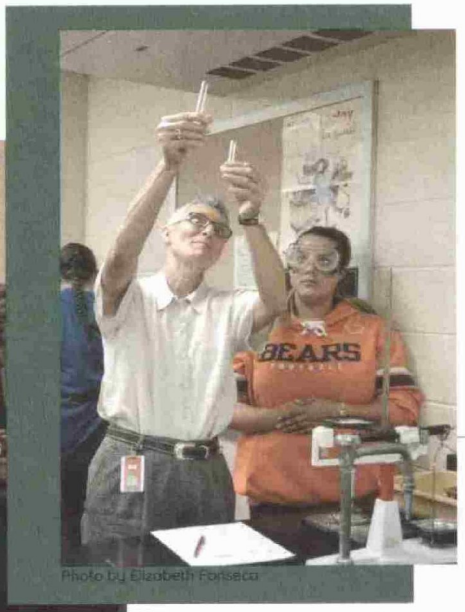

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Addy Klawitter, sophomore, works on an Avengers puzzle in the library.

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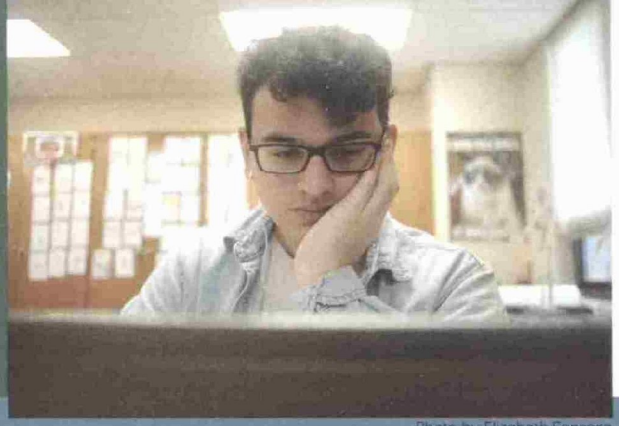
Brendan Bleza, senior, works on his homework during MRT.



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Kathir Venkat, junior, and **Shreyas Iyer,** senior, celebrate at a tennis match.

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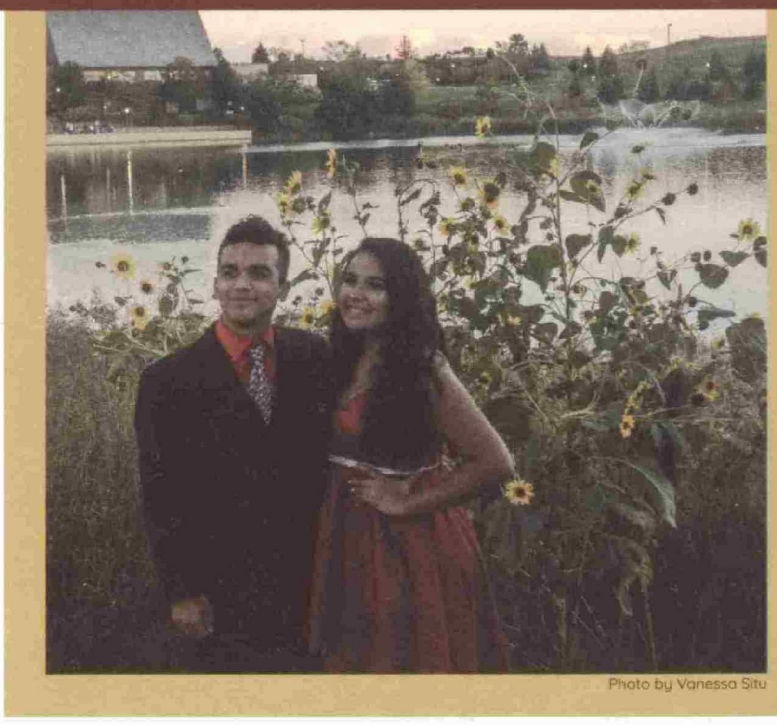

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Anna Carrillo-Luna and **Bradley Jimenez Medina,** juniors, pose at Centennial Park for photos before the Homecoming dance.

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from France to U.S.

In the dance room, Lauren Morris, junior, and Emily Shu, sophomore, dance in a circle as a part of French Club. French Club spent the meeting learning traditional Breton dancing. "It's definitely something different from what we normally do," Emily said. "It was a lot of fun for everyone."

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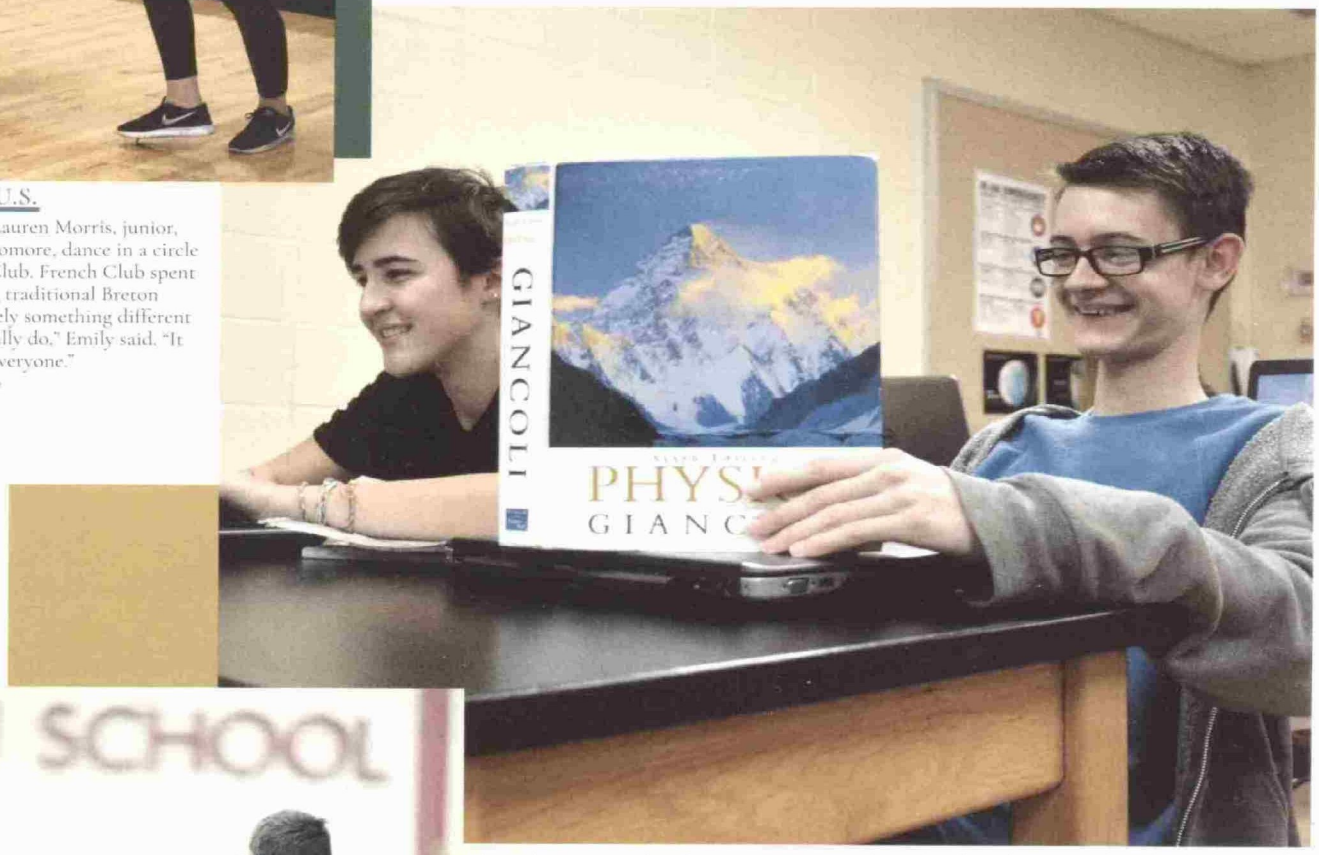

from home to school

Walking to the front doors, Jake Whitaker, junior, arrives at the main entrance of the school. During the swim season, he would arrive as early as 5:15 a.m. even though he hated getting up early. "I don't really need anything in the morning other than some rest and coffee," Jake said.

Photo by Charlie Hofferth

from book to brain

At Science Olympiad practice, Ava Quasney and Isaiah Rosinski, sophomores, study their material. Science Olympiad met almost everyday after school to practice for their competitions. "It's pretty relaxed and fun," Isaiah said. "I'm on mostly study events so I study and read my physics book and go on Khan Academy." Photo by Lana Salahieh

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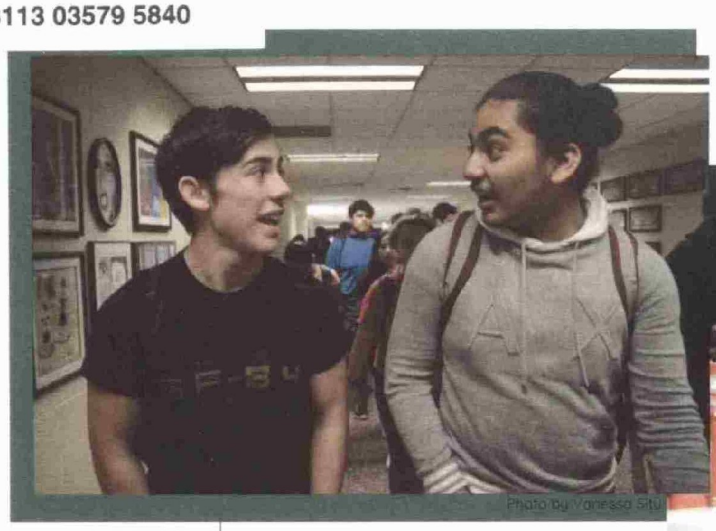

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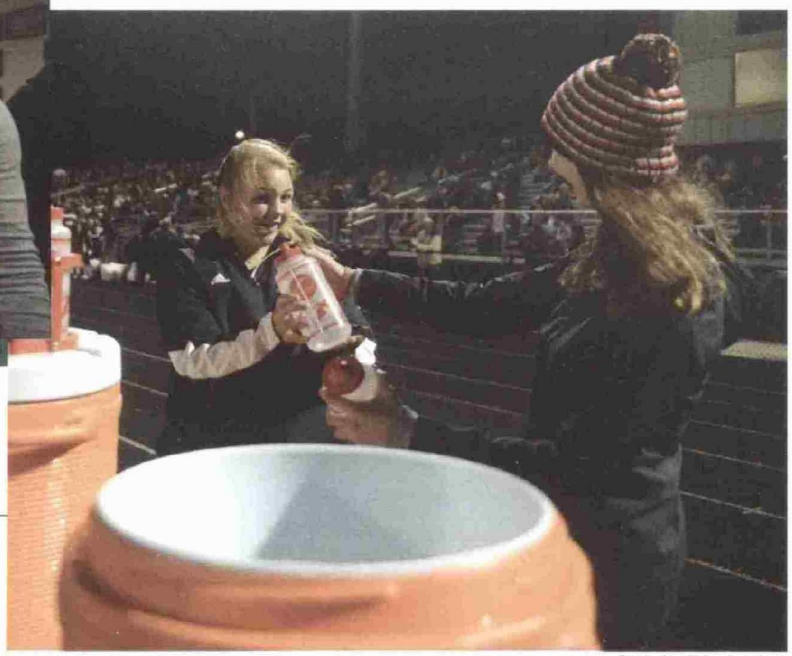


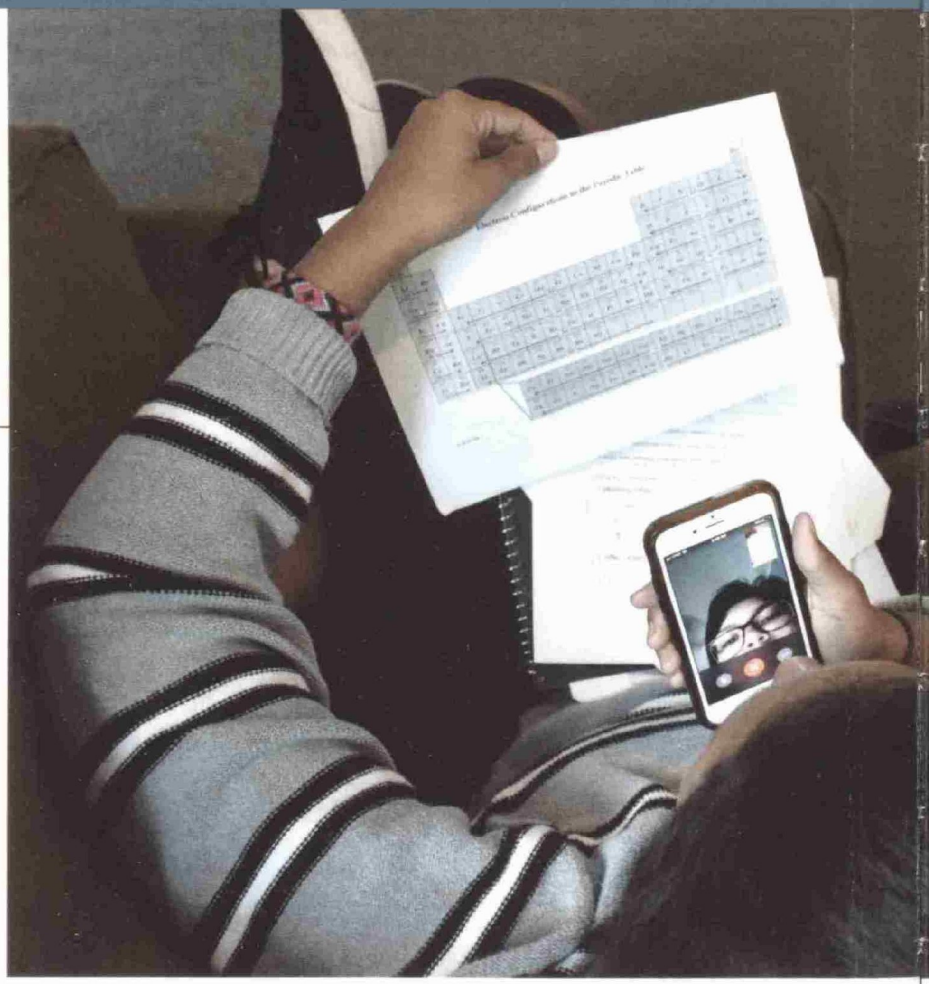
Photo by Chloe Lambert

April Roberts and **Mollie Clark**, juniors, fill up water bottles for the football team. "My favorite part about being a trainer is getting to know all the football players and all the other trainers and being able to help them," Mollie said.

from me

Leo Tsirtis and **Surajpal Singh**, sophomores, walk to sixth hour together. "I met Surajpal in middle school on the wrestling team around seventh grade," Leo said. "We always walk to class together after fifth hour."

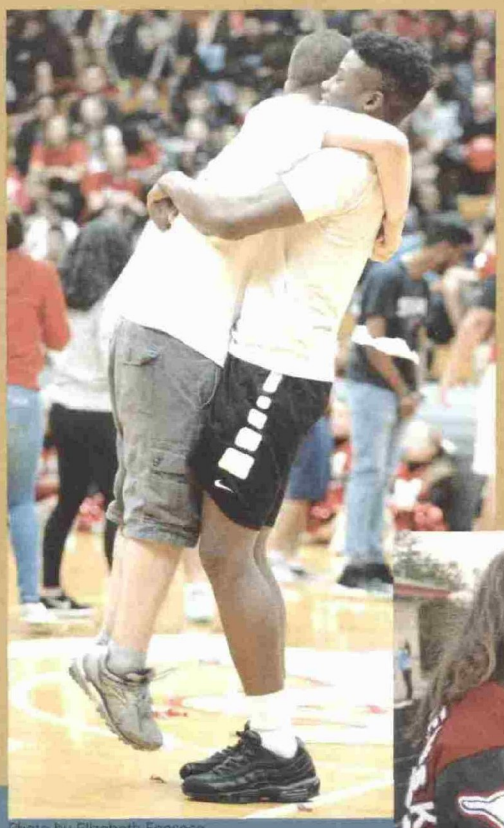
Sitting in the auditorium lobby, **Alyssa Lebron**, sophomore, facetimes **Isabel Rodriguez**, sophomore, for help with her Chemistry homework. "I find talking to other students about a class helpful because they actually know what's going on sometimes," Alyssa said. "Sometimes they don't though, and they're just as clueless as me."



follow the chain

whether you realize it or not, everyone in this school in connected. Paragon set out to prove it by finding a chain that connects the students of MHS to one another through shared friendships and memories

"One time I bought Grace Rau twenty tacos at two in the morning and now she's one of my best friends." **Jake Whitaker, 11**



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Lifting **Colman Berg**, sophomore, into the air, **Jeremiah Lovett**, sophomore, squeezes him to pop a balloon between them at the Homecoming pep rally. "It was very exhilarating," Jeremiah said. "I was kind of nervous up front of all those people, but it was pretty fun."

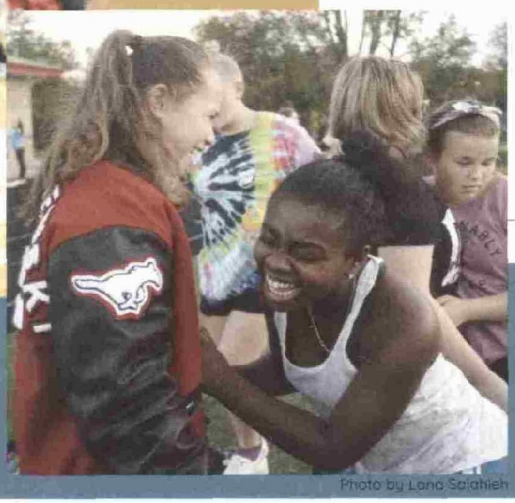


Photo by Lana Salahieh

Out on the football field, **Jada Smith** and **Krysten Caradine**, freshmen, joke around before band rehearsal. "I describe her (Krysten) as my best friend and I tell her everything," Jada said.

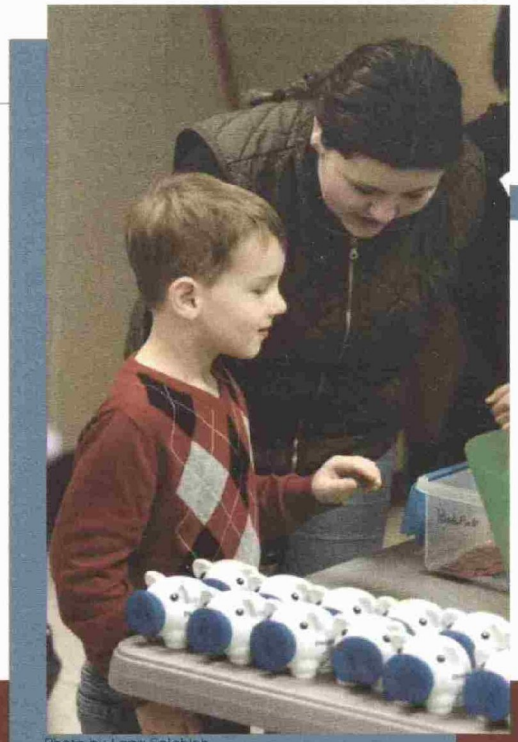
Photo by Vanessa Situ

to you

What if Mr. Herold didn't give notes—how do you think you'd do on the test? If you couldn't share food with friends at lunch, how hungry would you be in MRT? If your mom couldn't drop off your letterman jacket at the main office, would you freeze in chem? Throughout every day, we are borrowing, giving, having, receiving and sharing, not just things like pencils and notes or texts and Snaps, but also parts of ourselves and our stories, all the way **from me to you.**

"Adamari Yepez and I went to Chicago last year and we got lost in the Water Tower and almost missed our ride home." **Grace Rau, 11**

Helping at the Breakfast with Santa in the Wilbur Wright cafeteria, **Caitlyn Klos**, freshman, plays a game with a child. "When I volunteer I feel proud of myself because I am giving back to the community," Caitlyn said.



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from student to student, Paragon asked and you gave your answers, sharing your thoughts and experiences from throughout the year

What has MHS given to you?

"Munster High school has given me new friends, which I have a lot of."
Victoria Flatt, 9

"Munster High School has given me opportunities that I wouldn't have gotten in my hometown."
Ricky Ballentine, 10

"Its given me a lot of stress but at the same time to do my work and discipline."
Johnny Cronin, 11

"It has given me a sense of encouragement."
Amanda Beaudouin, 11

"It's given me a place where I can blossom academically and socially."
Erin Crawford, 12

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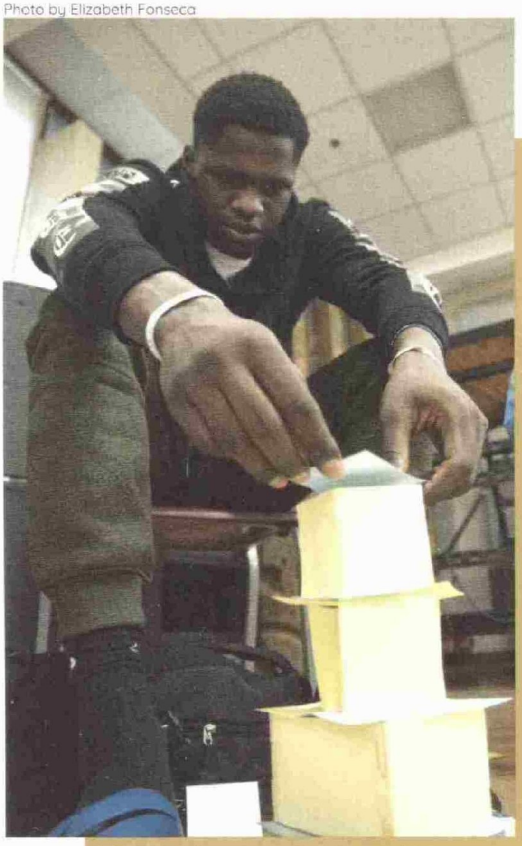
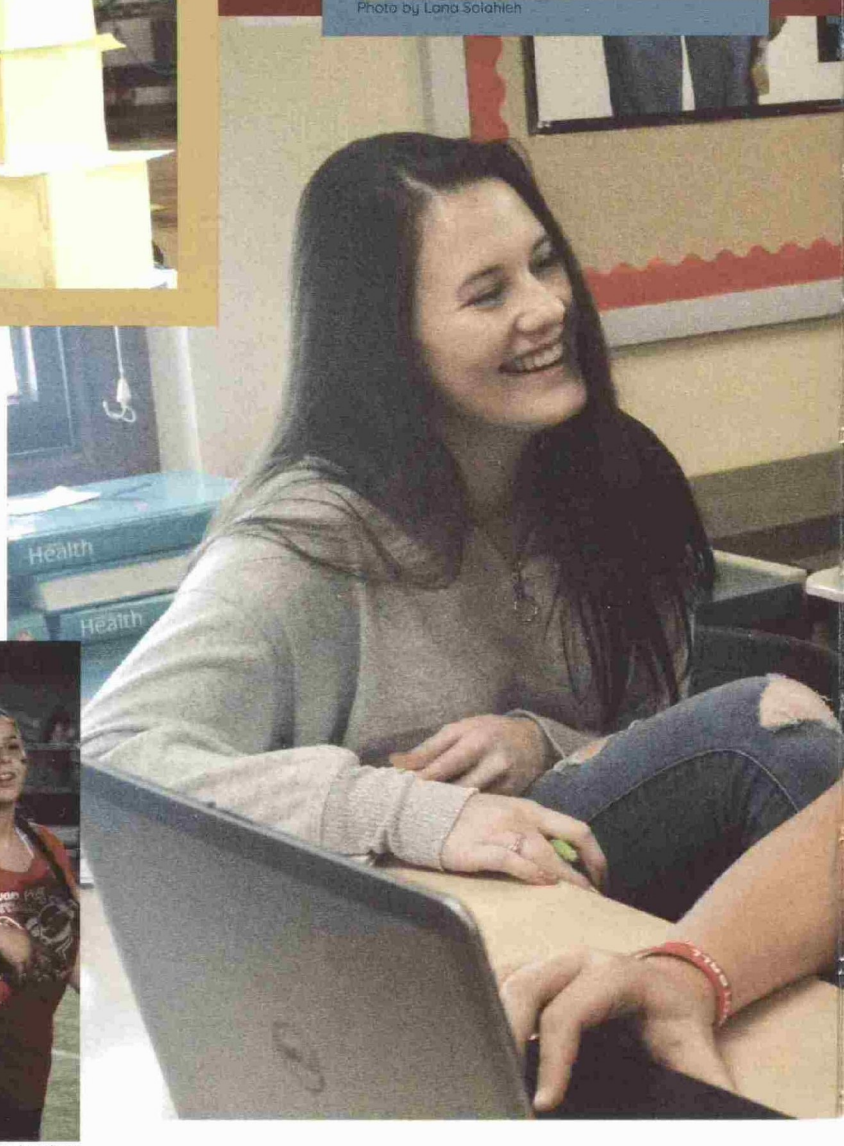


After a senior graduation meeting, **Dorian Benford**, senior, helps to build a note card tower in band room. "[The tower] fell down a couple of times," Dorian said. "Everyone had a part in keeping the tower stand up."



On the football field, **Amani Batarseh** and **Yasmeen Sabbah**, seniors, high fives juniors from the opposing team after the Powder Puff game. "We were giving the seniors a high five because they won and I feel that we needed to be more aggressive," Yasmeen said.

Photo by Chloe Lambert

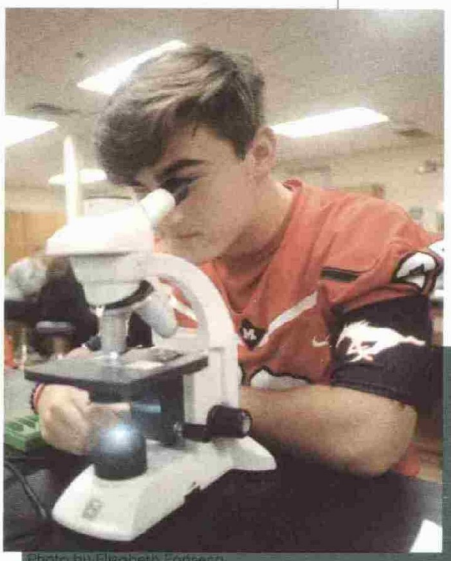
"Michael Bowers and I were hanging out. We went to a friends house and played Mario Kart and I lost really bad. Then we went to Centennial where he was going to reenact the High School Musical scene where Troy Bolton was running through the sprinklers but then I persuaded him not to." **Adamari Yepez, 11**

where we belong

For four years, this is where you belong. From that one kid you almost bump into every day while running from South to North, to finding old APES Quizlets from upperclassmen. From receiving your copy of "Lord of the Flies," to winning the review game in Mr. K's class. Whether you're shouting the Mustang Battle Cry from the sidelines, or humming it while marching in the Homecoming parade, you're in it together. Every individualized experience intertwines to create one shared memory that unites us all. Munster is you, it's them, it's all of us.

Photo by Vanessa Silva

Sitting in a science lab, **Blake Siurek**, freshman, looks through a microscope. "I couldn't wait for the school day to be over, so that I could play the sport I love: football," Blake said.



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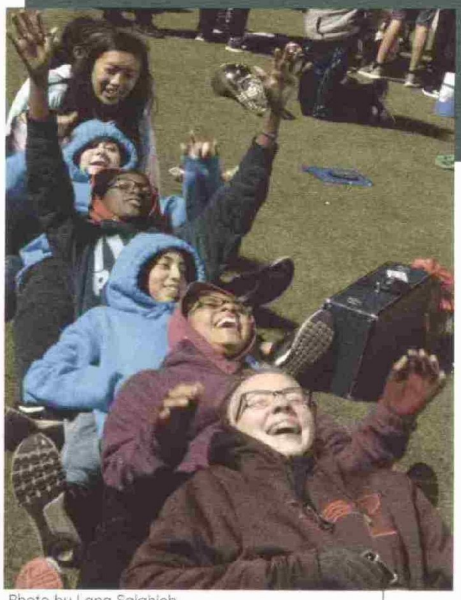

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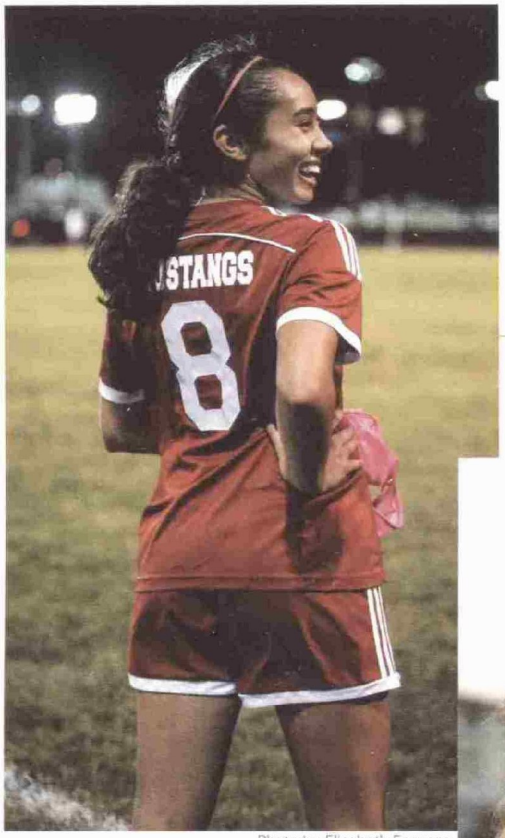
During a break at rehearsal, **Amber Payne**, **Alejandra Salas**, freshmen, **Cynthia Vazquez**, sophomore, and other band members make a human train. "I was thinking about how much fun it was to be surrounded by people who are as weird as me," Amber said.

Long time friends, **Catherine Clements** and **Zachary Del Nagro**, sophomores, laugh together during MRT. "We met when we were in elementary school," Catherine said. "(Zachary) was doing Pop Warner and I was a cheerleader."

"Charlie (Hofferth) came over and we were just going to play video games but it started snowing really hard so we all went outside and got in a snowball fight. Then it got really intense and next thing you know, I slammed Charlie's face into the ground and he got snow all over his face. It got pretty intense." **Michael Bowers, 11**

from me

Somehow, it's midnight and you're looking at your laptop. Maybe you're writing your 'This I Believe' essay for Mr. Clyne, maybe you're wrapping up your geometry homework or maybe, just maybe, you're trying to finish the yearbook. Right now, it's just you versus all your homework. Much of high school is just you. It's you mustering up the courage to ask your crush to homecoming, it's you walking across the stage at graduation. It's you simply being you, and making yourself a part of everone else's story, **from me** to you.



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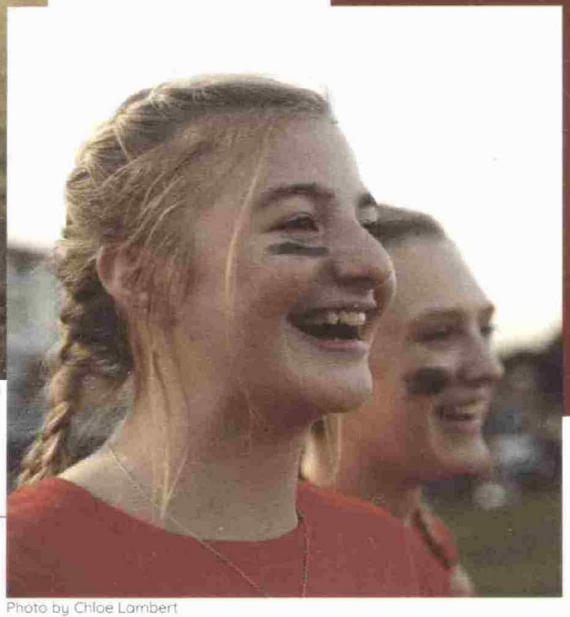
Standing on the sideline, Sam Barasca, senior, cheers on her soccer team. "I really like the team aspect of soccer," Sam said. "Especially as a defender, knowing you have a team that is relying on you makes you push yourself harder."

In Mr. Mayer's room, **Emma Powell**, sophomore, practices her speech piece. "My favorite part about speech is learning how to play a different variety of characters," Emma said. "I personally think it's really funny that we all come from such a variety of groups of people and get together to perform and support each other."



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At the Powderpuff game, **Sara Ardnt** and **Lydia Smith**, seniors, cheer on the senior team. "I was really excited for the opportunity to meet a lot of other girls that were a part of Powderpuff," Sara said. "I feel like the school kind of gets into its own clubs and groups and you don't really get to meet other people."

"Caleb (McKeever) and I went to a Childish Gambino and Rae Sremmurd concert and we were in the very top section and we were messing around and he put his phone over the edge and I nudged him and he almost dropped it." **Charlie Hofferth, 11**

Hiding behind his laptop, **Greg Charles**, senior, pulls out his phone. "I was checking Snapchat because I had nothing else to do," Greg said.

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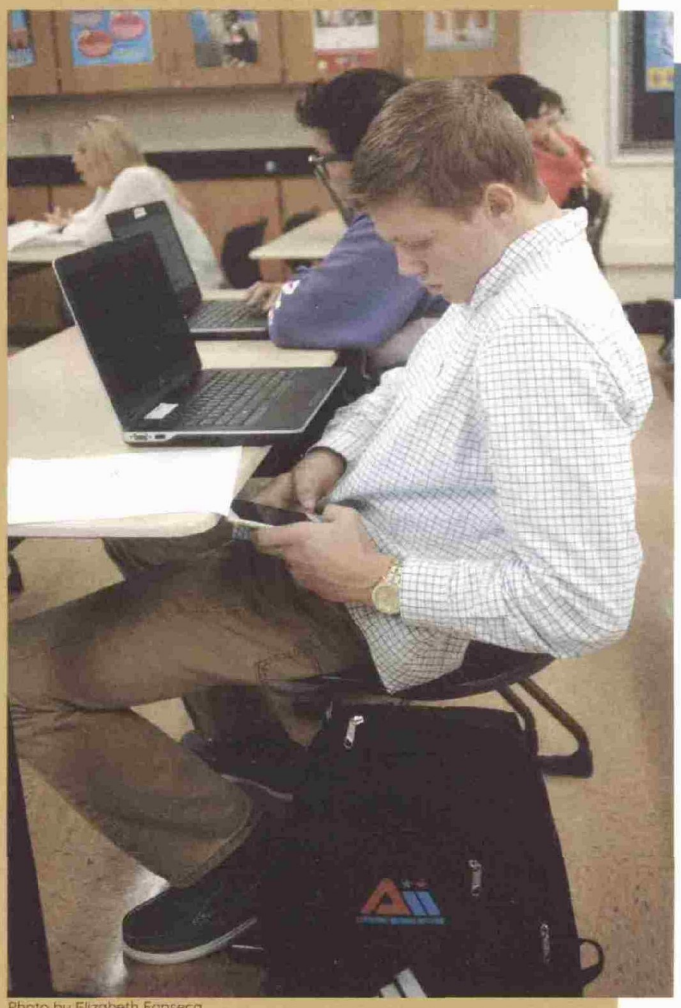

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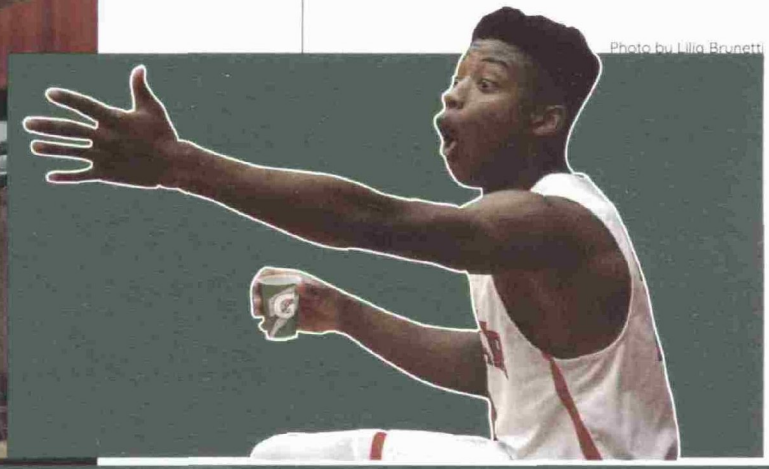
Sitting on the bench **Jeremiah Lovett**, sophomore, reacts to a stressful play during the basketball game. "It is so exciting to watch my team play and come up with celebrations for every bucket," Jeremiah said.



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"My favorite part about basketball is being able to play with my brothers and going out there and giving it my all." **Jeremiah Lovett, 10**

"I was at the beach with Martin Barnard and we were playing French Cricket and we hit the ball in the water. It was a fun time." **Caleb McKeever, 11**

give and receive

students talk about their favorite gifts they have received over the holidays

"I started playing soccer and you can't really play the sport without it, so (my parents) got me a soccer ball and I was pretty excited"
Tyler Krucina, 11

"My lacrosse stick is by far the best thing I have ever gotten. My whole family pitched in to get this really nice one and I just love playing with it and showing it off"
Daniel Pastor, 9

"When my parents got me my dog Penelope, I was so surprised and so happy that she automatically became my favorite dog and gift."
Bryce Haemker, 9

fan favorites

what was your favorite gift you have ever recieved?

new iPhone X
Anna Anderson, 9

Xbox One
Mikey Dempsey, 10

iPhone 8
Mattie Tengdin, 9

Airforce ones
Stephanie Djuraskovic, 9

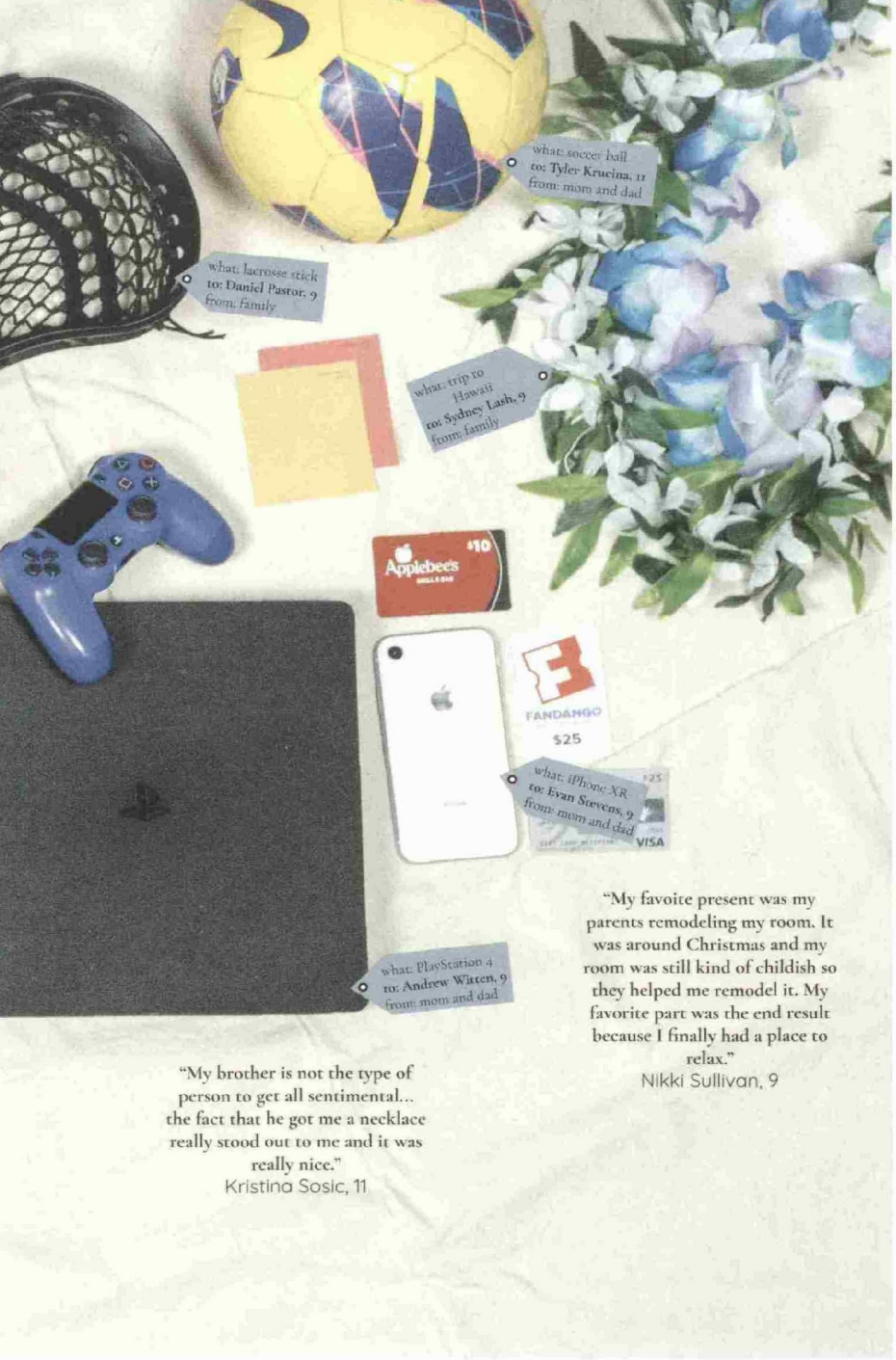
a good camera
Miguel Gambetta, 9

electric guitar
Sam Fuller, 9

Anthony Meller jersey
Kevin Kvasnica, 10

Imagine Dragons tickets
Priscilla Zavala, 9

"I was at Sectionals with Oliver Meraz and we both cheered each other on and were each other's biggest support for whatever races we were doing." Martin Barnard, 11



"My favoite present was my parents remodeling my room. It was around Christmas and my room was still kind of childish so they helped me remodel it. My favorite part was the end result because I finally had a place to relax."
Nikki Sullivan, 9

"My brother is not the type of person to get all sentimental... the fact that he got me a necklace really stood out to me and it was really nice."
Kristina Sosic, 11

secret santa

crier staff talks about exchanging gifts through a week-long scavenger hunt during their famous secret santa exchange

Elizabeth Fonseca, 12

Favorite gift: A makeup travelling bag, facemask, and candy.
Hardest clue: I had one clue written completely in Pig Latin.

Lauren Kozy, 12

Favorite gift: My Jaclyn Hill palette because I love trying out new makeup looks.
Hardest clue: All were somewhat tricky, but nothing too bad.

Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications teacher

Favorite gift: My Lil Bub calendar because I got a little bub calendar from Mrs. Barnes, but then I realized it was going to end soon, and I got the new one just in time.
Hardest clue: I had one clue that was a bunch of Bob's Burgers pictures, but I put them all out of order so that was challenging.

Alyssa Bass, 11

Favorite gift: Stale Takis. I left them at Charlie's house the night before and he gave me them the next day.
Hardest clue: I had to run around the classroom. I am so unfit, and was wearing a thick sweater, so I was sweating and panting. It was not fun.

Charlie Hofferth, 11

Favorite gift: The horse head and the middle fingers... they were all very funny.
Hardest clue: One of the clues led to a place that I never expected and it was very hard to find.

Lillia Brunetti, 11

Favorite gift: An elaborate French photography book featuring architecture and French life.
Hardest clue: le chat tient ton cadeau. (Translation: The cat is holding your gift) It was hard because it wasn't an actual cat, but it was Ms. Lanman holding the gift.

Megan Syzmanski, 12

Favorite gift: My sauna suit because it was funny and not expected.
Hardest clue: None were that hard... I got one clue for two days.

Nadia Perdue, 10

Favorite gift: My pink cup. I use it every morning to drink my tea, and best of all, it's my favorite color!
Hardest clue: The WingDings clue. Kammy put the clue within the lyrics for "Slowdancing in the Dark" by Joji (one of my favorite artists), but it was entirely in WingDings!

Adam Klaich, 11

Favorite gift: The amount of candy I got, because now I have a surplus of candy.
Hardest clue: My clue said "go to your girlfriend," and I was really confused because I don't have a girlfriend, but, it turns out it was a cardboard cut-out.

Melanie Powers, 12

Favorite gift: Silly putty because it was really good for finals week.
Hardest clue: I had one written in Korean.

Lana Salahieh, 10

Favorite gift: The blanket! Every day in pub I used the blankets from the back because Ms. Lanman's room is COLD! It was very sweet!
Hardest clue: I was absent for the actual scavenger hunt.

from Adam
to Lana
to Megan
from Nadia

"One time at cross country practice there was a new freshman named Tobin (Thayer) and we were supposed to do a run, but he got lost trying to go through the woods and along the woods he got stuck with a lot of burrs and it got everywhere in his hair. The next day, he came with a buzzcut." Oliver Meraz, 11

Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

feeling blue

Mental illness is a hard topic to talk about, but for the people who struggle with their mental health, it can dominate their every day. In order to represent this problem, we asked students to write about their experiences the form of narratives. Mental health, from them, to you.

December 2016: my true rock bottom. I was constantly teetering from a complete lack of motivation to crippling anxiety. I had built a wall around myself, keeping everyone a safe distance away from knowing how I truly felt. Something was clearly wrong, but I had absolutely no clue what was happening to me. All that I knew was that I hated myself and could barely conjure enough motivation to leave my bed, let alone my house. Almost anything anyone said could cause me to spiral into a depressive episode.

February 2017: the wall begins to fall. I learned that I suffer from generalized anxiety disorder and depression. Discovering that a chemical imbalance was the true culprit of my depression and anxiety gave me a sense of closure.

January 2019: I finally understand why I felt the way I did, and how to prevent my condition from reaching that point again. My therapist was with me every step of the way and I hope to help others in the same way she helped me as well as continue to bring awareness to the seriousness of mental illness.

Casey Meldgin, 12

"Me and Mitch (Buffaria) did a game of cat and mouse and I ended up running through the ditch next to the bicycle path. He had to come in and go through branches and he ended up getting stuck and I had to push him out." **Tobin Thayer, 9**

feeling drained

Lemony Snicket once said, "Just because you don't understand it doesn't mean it isn't so." Mental health issues do not only effect one person, but everyone around them. Ever since I have entered high school, I have encountered a battle with mental health. My academics, sports,and clubs fill up my schedule and leave me with little time to focus on it. It has affected my thinking, overall mood, and behavior.

Most recently, I have experience symptoms of depression, which is a topic many people frown upon. People think that if we do not talk about it, it is not an issue and it will not affect us. This is not true. Since I have dealt with it, I have turned to my best friends for support and they have been there for me every step of the way. I have learned that the best way to deal with this is to openly talk about it and get the help necessary. The more we ignore issues like this, the worse they become.

> "People think that if we do not talk about it, it's not an issue,"

I have noticed one main thing has really affected my mental health more than anything: social media. People say things online that they would never say in person, yet they affect us just the same, and I have experienced this firsthand. Mental health is something everyone needs to focus on, whether you think you suffer from it or not. The best thing we can do is be accepting, and offer a helping hand to anyone who needs it. **Olivia Candelaria, 10**

Photo by Todd McKechnie

what is happy?

students discuss where they go when they're feeling blue

"My happy place would have to be remembering the times that I was in Peru and visiting and having my family over there and being with them and hanging out with them because I only get to see them once every five years so it's nice."
Nicole Dominguez, 12

"My happy place is at the baseball field. I love playing baseball, it's my passion. I've always done it since I was little."
Eddie Minniefield, 9

"Any place with my sister."
Ava Whitney, 9

"I prefer going into my room just like close the door, lock it not have anyone come in and most of the time music soothes me so I'll have my laptop with me and plug in my headphones and just blast music to feel calm and get away."
Arianna Piña, 11

"Dude, I don't know. My room because I'm alone and I can do whatever I want."
Jeff Ballard, 12

Photo by Sydney Pastor

feeling alone

My mental health struggles with anxiety and depression have forever changed who I am as a person. When my anxiety first emerged when I was in seventh grade, my family tried everything to help me.

I was in therapy for a year and went on and off different medications, and soon was diagnosed with depression. The medications destroyed my body, some messed with my eating habits or made it impossible to sleep. My family felt like no one was listening to me, and the current professionals I was seeing wanted me to go into a hospital.

I switched therapists and this new therapist unfortunately abused me. After this I felt like I could no longer trust any mental health professional, so when my depression returned I didn't want to seek help.

I waited until I was feeling suicidal to do anything about it. I felt trapped and there was nothing I could do to escape, and I was so anxious that I didn't want to do anything.

I didn't enjoy simple activities, but I found a new therapist who is extremely helpful, and I am now taking new medication that really helps me to get through my days confidently and without having any intense negative thoughts and worries. **Nicole Baginski, 11**

"I was at Carlo's house and he was playing Hispanic music and I turn around and I see him dancing with Frosty, his dog, so I started recording him until he noticed but when he saw me he stopped." **Mitch Buffano, 12**

a creative community

story by Kammy Moore

students discuss importance of having a community to share their ideas and express themselves

For many students, having a place to express themselves is important. Clubs such as Poetry Club, Creative Writing Club and Art Club all allow students to share their ideas with peers.

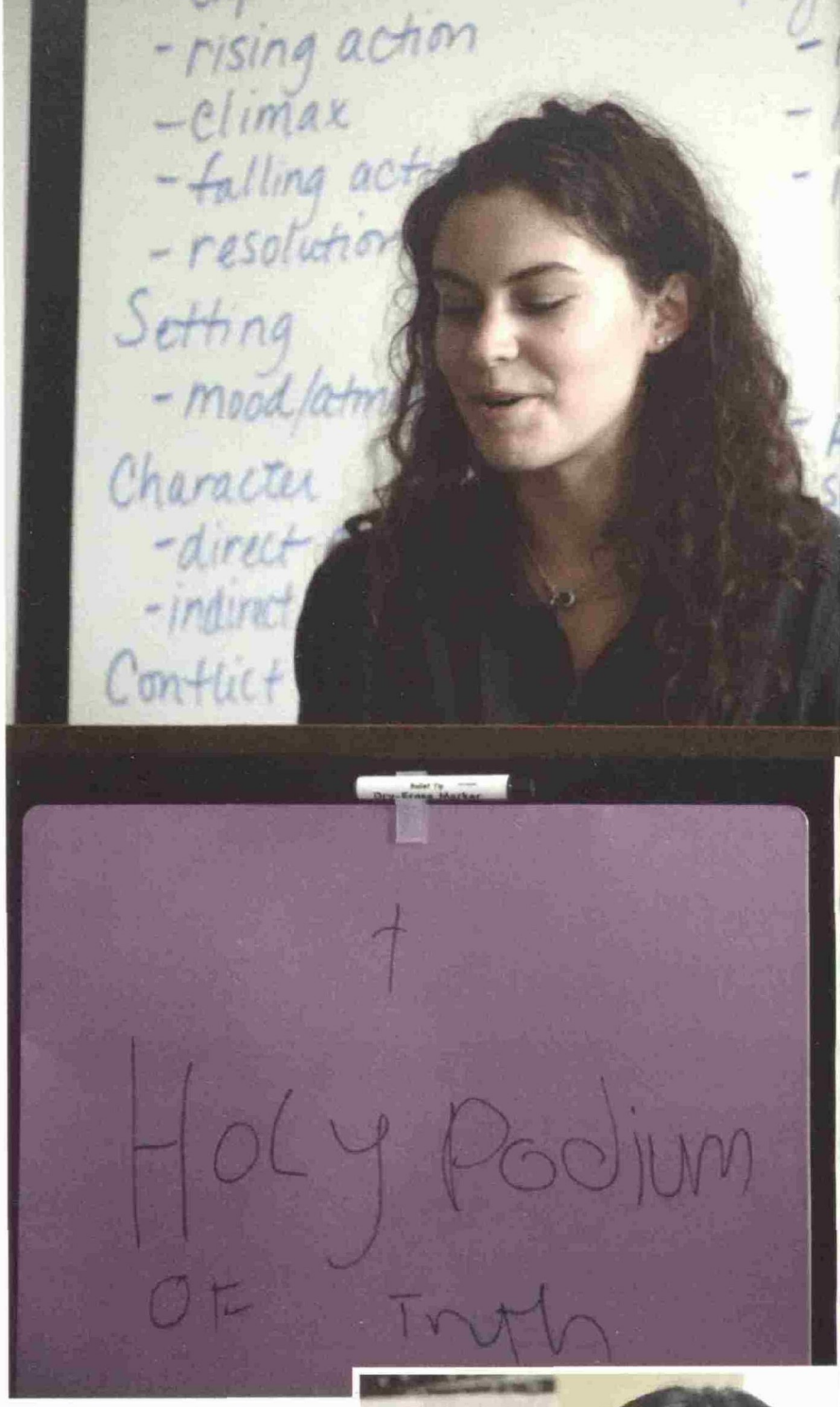
"I liked that Creative Writing was a very comfortable and warm environment," Saranya Sanaka, junior, said. "We didn't force anyone to share anything, so it was a safe environment."

Students have the freedom to express themselves however they like.

"I definitely think having a place to express oneself is important, but I think it's way more important to find somewhere that an individual can do what they love with others, especially with art," Rachel Lyons, senior and Art Club president, said. "We build off of each others' ideas, allowing both our artwork and ourselves to grow."

Having a place to create freely is important for artistic students who sometimes felt they couldn't express their talents in traditional academic classes.

"I think it was very important to have a creative outlet especially in school because it's a very structured environment," Saranya said. "It's important to have this ability for self-expression."



sharing is caring

Standing at the podium, Jamie DeJoan, junior, gets ready to share her poem with the rest of Poetry Club. Writing with other members was a way to share different ideas. "I liked to hear the thoughts and ideas and daily emotions of my peers," Jamie said. "It was pretty cool to get a different look at high school life." Photo by Emily Stanfield

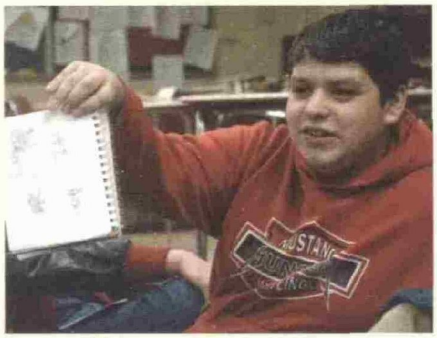
the perfect prompt

creative writing club members give different story prompts they wish to write in the future

"This requires two people. First person makes some sort of wish. Second person uses monkey's paw ideology and grants their wish." **Adit Patel, 12**

"Everybody in the world is born with a tattoo on their wrist displaying the first words their soulmate will ever say to them. The main character has a tattoo that only has one word: Hello." **Sofia Pavlic, 10**

"You decide that, to fill the meaningless void in your life, you will commit a huge crime to the likes of which the world has never seen. When you go to the bank to request a loan for your criminal endeavor, you find that they are unwilling to lend you any money due to previous failures." **Nicholas Larson, 12**



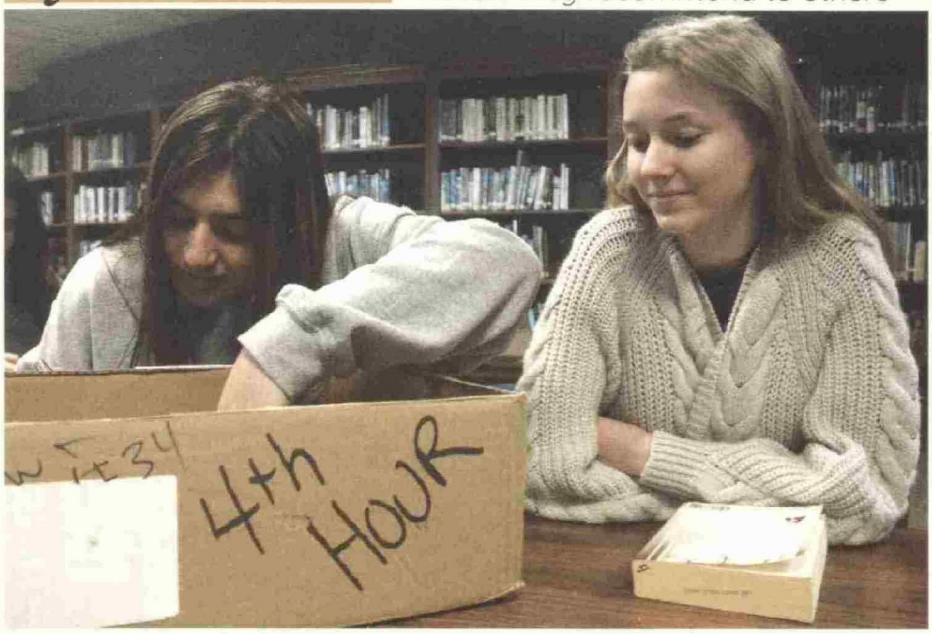
picture this

Holding up his drawings, Nico Calderon, senior, shows off his characters. "I was talking about an idea for character development," Nico said, "I was just telling how I do it in my own style." Photo by Lynn Salameh

"Last year during our annual teepee night, we hit a couple girls' houses. We ended up getting pulled over by four cops. Now, it was no big deal. Justin Singh, actually started cracking jokes with the cops and we ended up getting to leave. So in the end it all worked out." **Carlo Candelaria, 12**

by the book

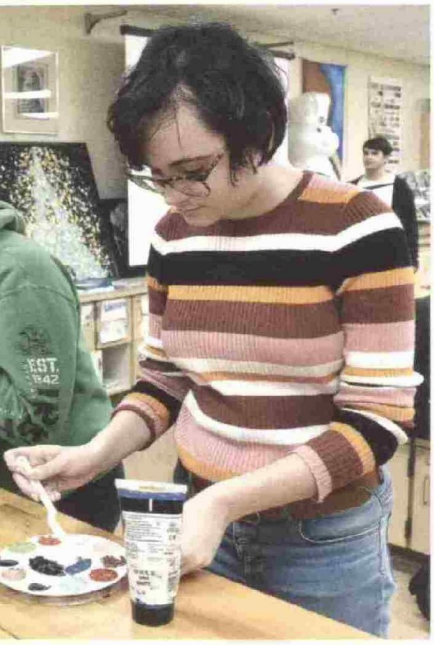
book club members discuss what novels they recommend to others



"The Unwanteds" by Lisa McMann
"The story is great. It combines magic and Hunger Games qualities, two things I love. My favorite part is when the kids are about to be thrown in the boiling lake of oil but actually are transported to another world."
Sophia Brunetti, 9

"The American Heiress" by Daisy Goodwin
"I believe it has all the components included for everyone to like. Comedy, romance, betrayal, etc."
Danna Safi, 10

"Magnus Chase" (the series) by Rick Riordan
"Magnus Chase is a fiction series based on Norse mythology by Rick Riordan. It's really interesting and has LGBT characters."
Saranya Sanaka, 11



inner artist Mixing paint together, Sophia Pavlic, sophomore, prepares her pallet in order to help paint a bookshelf. Art Club was decorating a bookshelf for their sponsor, Mrs. Elena Lopez, to give her more storage in her room. "We thought it would be a good idea to paint it and make it look nice," Sophia said.
Photo by Cristina Vasiljic

how sweet Reaching into a box, Irene Tsakopoulos, sophomore, grabs candy while Ryan Hughes, freshman, looks on during a Book Club meeting. To celebrate the last meeting for the semester, their sponsor, Mr. Josh Craig, media specialist, gave them candy. "It was nice to meet up with these awesome girls and read these books with them," Irene said.
Photo by Lisabeta Fonseca

pencil in Taking a break from writing, Viviana Luna, senior, shares a laugh with friends in Poetry Club. Besides writing, members also listen to music, eat and talk to each other to create a relaxed environment. "Mrs. Barnes' room basically transforms into a cafe," Viviana said.
Photo by Lisa Brunetti

looking for rhythm Browsing through her phone, Ava Lukacsek, sophomore, looks a song. Members of Poetry Club often looked to music for inspiration for writing.
Photo by Chloe Lemire

welcome to Tokyo

a poem by Lily Leslie, senior

When I first arrive to the city,
it's nothing to write home about.
The neon lights blind my eyes,
and the smog clogs my nose.

The stores sell tacky, tourist clothes,
and the restaurants are uncomfortably hot.

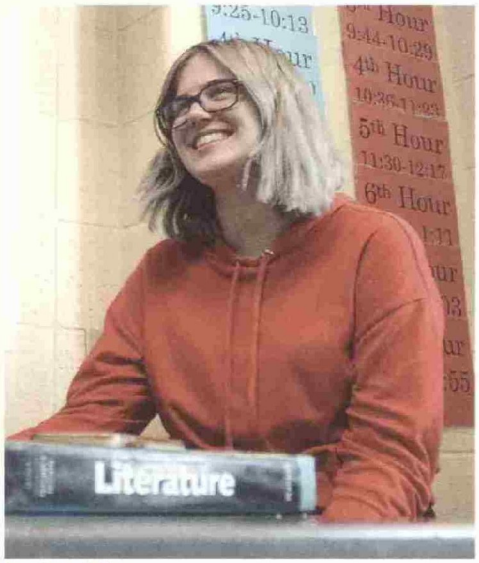
I almost begin to hate the city,
until I meet you.

You show me the beauty of the lights' reflections in the puddles after it rained.
You bring me to your rooftop garden,
where I was finally able to get a breath of fresh air.

You give me my first true Saturday night,
going to a restaurant with decadent food that's hidden from view, followed by singing and dancing until our lungs sting and heads pounded.

You gave me clarity and optimism I have never known before.

You made this city everything to write home about.



leading lillies Sitting at the computer in Mrs. Kelly Barnes's room, Lily Leslie, senior, addresses Poetry Club. She listened to many poems during meetings and gave her input. "Because I was Vice President, I was more driven to write and more driven to encourage others to write," Lily said.
Photo by Jana Salahieh

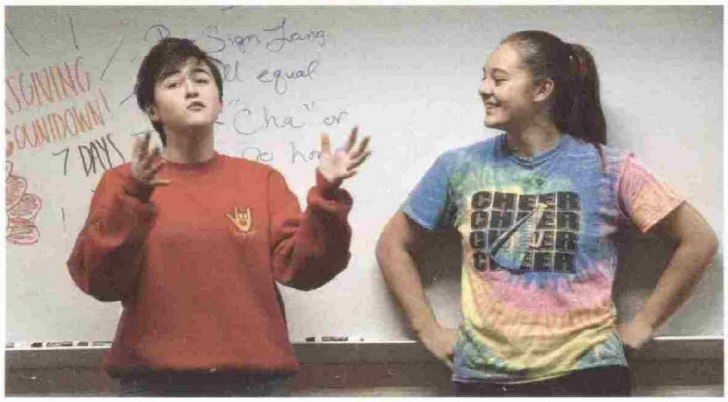
"In preschool, me, Luke Dragicevich and Nick Hamilton somehow kissed the same girl around the same time. We found out in freshman year that we all kissed her. We were pretty disappointed because it was special to us." Justin Singh, 12

Arte and crafts

On a Spanish Club field trip, Austin Lynn, senior, and Serena Alvarez, junior, make corn husk angels. The club travelled to Arte en Chicago to learn about spanish cultures. "The woman teaching us how to make the dolls was really nice," Austin said. "The whole trip was great." Photo by Vinnie Lund

it's a sign

Standing before the rest of the ASL Club members, Bailey Broelmann, senior, smiles and watches Ava Quasney, sophomore, sign. Every meeting the ASL Club hosts is different. "My favorite are when people of the deaf community come and sign," Bailey said. "I love meeting people and interpreting them signing." Photo by Lexie Schiffbeck



let them eat cake

Make bûche de noëls similar to the ones that French Club made

ingredients

6 eggs
1/2 cup of water
1 tablespoon of powdered sugar
1/4 cup of vegetable oil
chocolate cake mix
vanilla and chocolate frosting

recipe

heat oven to 375 degrees.
beat eggs.
add water and oil.
add cake mix.
bake for 14-16 minutes.
use toothpick to check if done.

decoration

spread vanilla frosting on top of cake.
roll up cake in a spiral.
cover in chocolate frosting.
use a serrated knife to get bark texture.
add other decorations.
top with powdered sugar.

"A bûche de noël is a traditional log cake that is eaten in France during the Christmas season. It is made to resemble a yule log."

photo by Lexi Bennett
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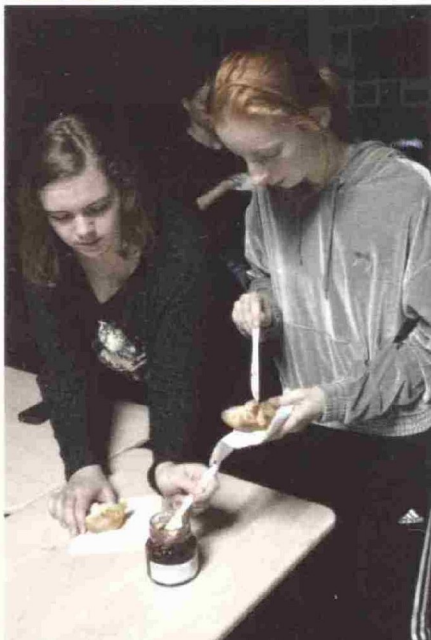
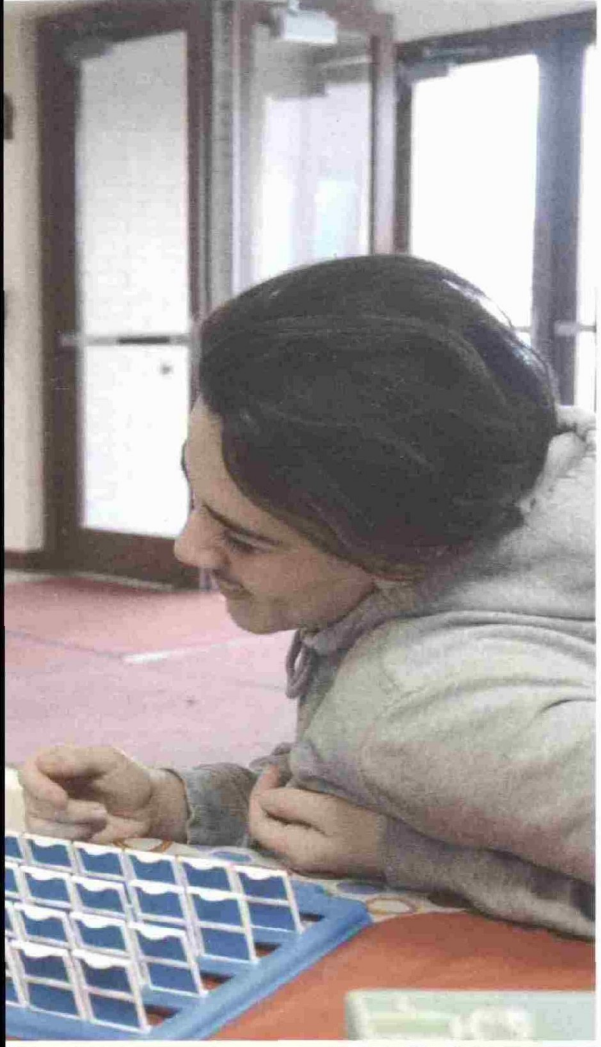


"For the volleyball tournament last year, my group of friends and I dressed up in random costumes. My friend Luke Forszt dressed up into a shark costume." **Nick Hamilton, 12**



guess what we're here for

story by Anastasia Clpowski-Smith

GSA fights for equality together, one meeting at a time

Lately in today's society, issues dealing with the LGBTQ+ community seem to be a major topic of discussion. Gay Straight Alliance, or GSA, is a club that provides a safe space for all students no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity to work to end homophobia, transphobia and other issues.

"I love GSA because it's a place I can speak my mind and know I will not be judged," President Lily Leslie, senior, said. "Being president makes me feel good that I am able to lead such a special group of people who are much more than their genders and orientations."

all fun and games

During an ASL club meeting, Ariana DeHoyos, sophomore, plays "Guess Who" with Angel Arreguin, sophomore. They were both invited to attend the meeting by a friend. "I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the club," Ariana said. "It inspired me to join the club and sign up for an ASL Class next year." Photo by Vanessa Shu

Discussions that take place at meetings focus on misconceptions the public has on the LGBTQ+ community. Because GSA is a club meant for everyone, the different perspectives its members have make for better deliberations.

Carlo Candelaria, senior, is one of the few members who identifies as straight.

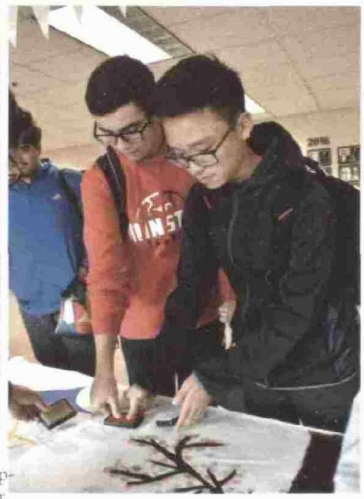
"A few of my family members who are gay I know went through a lot," Carlo said. "I wanted to show my support for my peers who were going through the same stuff that they did."

A friend showed him the club two years ago and he has been dedicated to it ever since.

"I enjoy going to meetings because, even though I am straight, my opinions are still valued," Carlo said.

Inclusion is very important to the club.

"Everyone is welcome in GSA," Lily said. "We are all in this together."



cracking up At the GSA holiday party Jasmyn Eckhoff, sophomore, Roman Thompson, freshman, and Carlo Candelaria, senior, laugh at their president, Lily Leslie, senior. She had just told them all to be serious. "It wasn't a real meeting," Carlo said. "We were just having fun and making fun of her for trying be serious." Photo by Dayna Vaughn

STAND up In the hallway, Charlie Morton and Ethan Park, freshman, thumbprint a banner. The banner was made by the club STAND to support the Pittsburgh Jewish community after the synagogue shooting in November that caused eleven fatalities. "I know someone who used to live near where the shooting took place," Charlie said. "I wanted to show I cared." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

dig in At a French Club party Lauren Morris, junior, spreads jam on her pastry with eighth grader Lilia Dahn. They were brought as a representation of the French culture. "The pastries were light but crunchy at the same time," Lauren said. "They all tasted very good." Photo by Lang Saldivieh

Why do you think is it important to be cultured?

"I think it is important to be cultured so that you can gain respect from people of other ethnicities than you."

Kate Krawczyk, 9

"It's important to be cultured simply because, with the knowledge of other people and how they live their lives, you can better empathize or sympathise with someone and the struggles that they go through."

Chris Canul, 10

a budding friendship

Lilly Lemke, junior, talks about her best buddy Hannah Gossman, junior, and their friendship

all buddy buddy

At the winter holiday party for Best Buddies Lilly Lemke and Hannah Gossman, juniors, pose for a picture. Photo by Clyde Lambert

why they have fun with each other

"Hannah and I are such good friends. We are both always excited to be around each other. We also have a lot of things in common like bright colors, bowling, and so much more."

what she loves about her

"I love that Hannah is always herself and always smiling. Sometimes she can be shy, but she is one of the most fun person to be around."

why their friendship will last

"We have been friends since sixth grade and have only gotten closer through the years. Best Buddies creates true friendships that last a long time. I believe we will be friends for the rest of our lives."

"Nick Eng and I were making a video. He was wearing a shark costume and he was on top of my car. For the video, I had to stop the car and he was supposed to fall off. He fell off the car and there was another person driving and they stopped and were like, 'Oh my god, are you okay?' The look in their eyes was just complete shock and it was one of the funniest things I've seen." Luke Forszt, 12

riddle me this

many people use Quizlet to study for their exams, students explain their reasons for using Quizlet

"I'm too lazy to make my own flashcards and Quizlet lets me use other people's."
Ben Hand, 11

"I use Quizlet to absorb as much information in the littlest amount of time as possible."
Alicia Chudziak, 12

"To study so I don't fail everything."
Drew Westland, 11

"I use it as a tool for studying when I'm struggling with a topic."
Henry Hofferth, 9

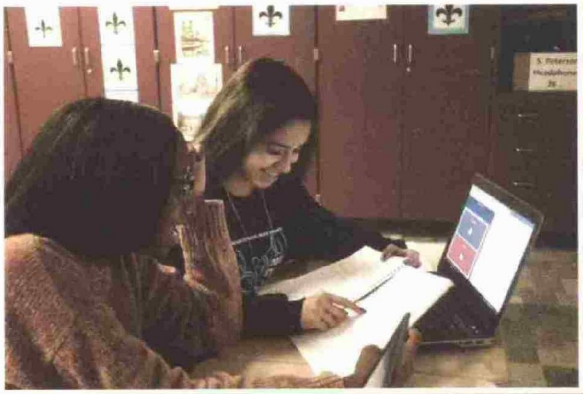
"It provides me with the study tools I need to be successful in a class."
John Linnane, 9

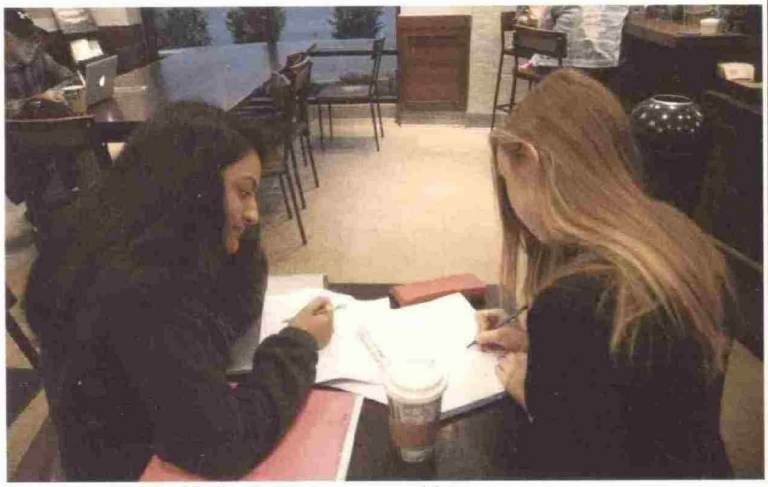
listo lingo

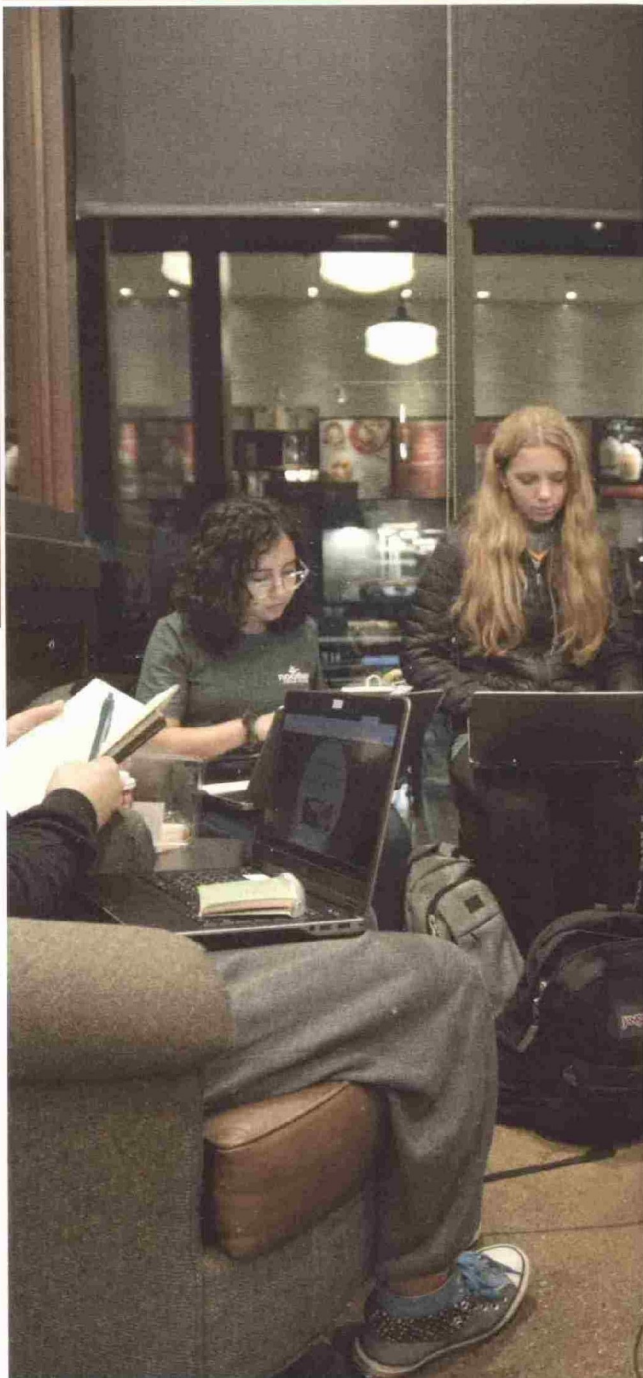
Many students use Ms. Rosie Malagon's quizlets to learn their vocab. She uploaded numerous quizlets during the year.

oui study

Sitting in their French class, Jenai Panora, sophomore, and Paris Marshall, freshman, practice using Conjuguemos. The two worked together all throughout the year. "Sometimes Jenai tried to mess with me," Paris said. "Then I had to karate chop her in the face. Other than that, we did so good."
Photo by Chynna Vaughn







How do you take notes?

"I like to do even bullet points and make it very staggered."
Claire Powell, 11

"Some teachers always do Powerpoints so I always write down the title of whatever slide it is. Then I underline it. Then put bullet points with the things you need to remember."
James Shelton, 11

"I write the important things that the techer actually says in their lecture."
Aidan Chism, 11

add it up

Working on their Calculus homework, Karolina Sroka, senior, tutors Megha Patil, senior. Karolina was in a more challenging class and was able to help Megha through NHS tutoring. "She's in BC, so she had already taken a test over this unit," Megha said. "She already knows the material and she helped me do certain problems." Photo by Chynna Vaughn

gather 'round

Sitting in a cirlce, Ana Gaither, Ariel Velasco and Nicole Baginski, juniors, prepare for the Pride and Prejudice Presentation. They gathered at Starbucks to make their preparations. "I think that meeting in a public place kind of takes a lot of pressure off certain people and certain families, and you can eat while you're doing it, which just makes it more fun," Nicole said. Photo by Robert Young

"Me, Luke Forszt, Tim Radtke, Cole Lesinski, Michael Dywan and Ryan Greep all talk about making YouTube videos. It was something during last year's football season and some of the seniors said 'You guys should make a YouTube channel' so we said 'Screw it, why not.' Our first video was of us throwing eggs at Luke and everyone thought it was hilarious. It built our friendship." Nick Eng, 11

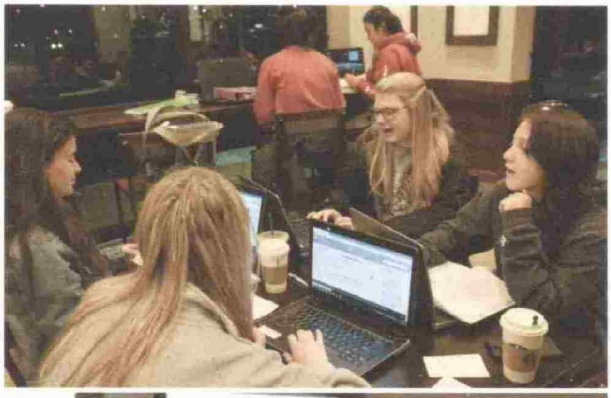
studying suggestions

story by Jack Stork

Students talk about different ways they prepare for tests and quizzes

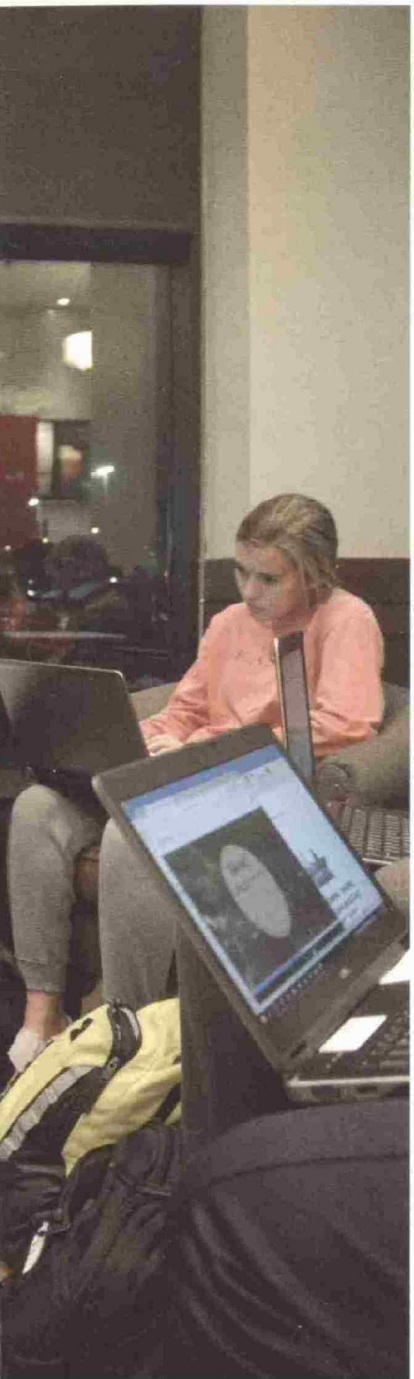
survey says

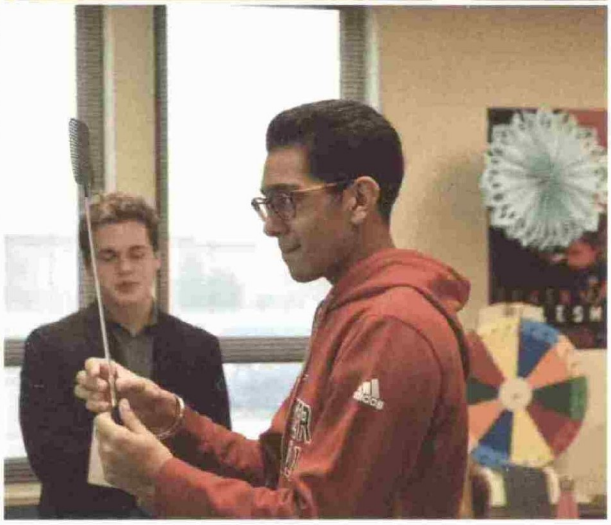
Sitting in her MRT, Desiree Bedolla, senior, fills out a survey. The survey was on drug use for a statistics class. "A lot of them were about drugs like Juuls, just like if you have vaped," Desiree said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn



share a drink

Working on a project for their AP Literature class, Layna Kounelis, Stephanie Niemiec, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith and Maria Blaesing, juniors, sip coffee while they work. The group met multiple times to complete their project. "Starbucks is a central place in Munster with a good working environment and good drinks," Stephanie said. Photo by Charlie Hofferth





swat team

Playing a game in his AP Literature class, Tarun Girn, junior, uses a fly swatter to select quotes. "One person would say a quote from the book, and we had to swat the name of the character who said the quote," Tarun said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

At least once in their lifetime, everyone has wondered, "How am I going to be able to pass this class?"

Whether studying in a group at a favorite coffee shop, using a Quizlet to hone your knowledge, or just cramming the night before a test worth 20 percent of your grade, the key to passing with flying colors is studying.

"Normally for regular U.S. History, I make about 200 term Quizlets, and then I review them," Layna Kounelis, junior, said. "It really helps me on my tests, and I use Quizlets for every single subject."

Quizlets have been regarded as the saving grace for many students. What most people enjoy is the wide availability of many topics on the site. In most cases, students use Quizlets made by students from previous years. In other cases, many students create Quizlets themselves, in order to help their peers study.

"I make Quizlets for a lot of stuff, like Modern History. I did Ancient History before, sometimes I do it for AP Psychology," Stephanie Niemiec, junior, said. "I just think it helps to review the general terms and review for the test. Last year for Mr. (Tom) Barnes' (English teacher) vocab tests, I had around forty people use my Quizlets."

But Quizlet isn't the only source of studying available to students. Many students, like Martin Barnard, junior, use websites like Schmoop or LitCharts to help prepare themselves for tests.

"In classes such as AP Lit, we're exposed to a lot of different literature and at times the content of the reading can be really hard to follow, which can makes websites like LitCharts and Schmoop an easy way to follow exactly what is going on," Martin said. "I would recommend using them with the correct intent. They may be a good shortcut, but you won't get as much out of googling an answer as you will by really learning it."

procrastination station

Abbey Burris, senior, shares her typical timeline of procrastinating before getting down to studying

- **3:10 p.m.** leave school to pick up sister
- **3:45 p.m.** get home and grab small snack
- **4 p.m** scroll through social media and check email
- **5 p.m.** watch Netflix (either "The Office" or "Friends")
- **6:30 p.m.** eat dinner
- **7 p.m.** take a shower
- **8 p.m.** check social media again
- **8:30 p.m.** finally begin homework

"Before basketball games last year, I would go to Memos in Highland with Tarunveer Grin, Adam Daniels and Michael Dywan. That was our ritual before every basketball game." **Cole Lesinski, 11**

we'll be right back, after the break

where do students go, and what do they do on their days off?

a second wind

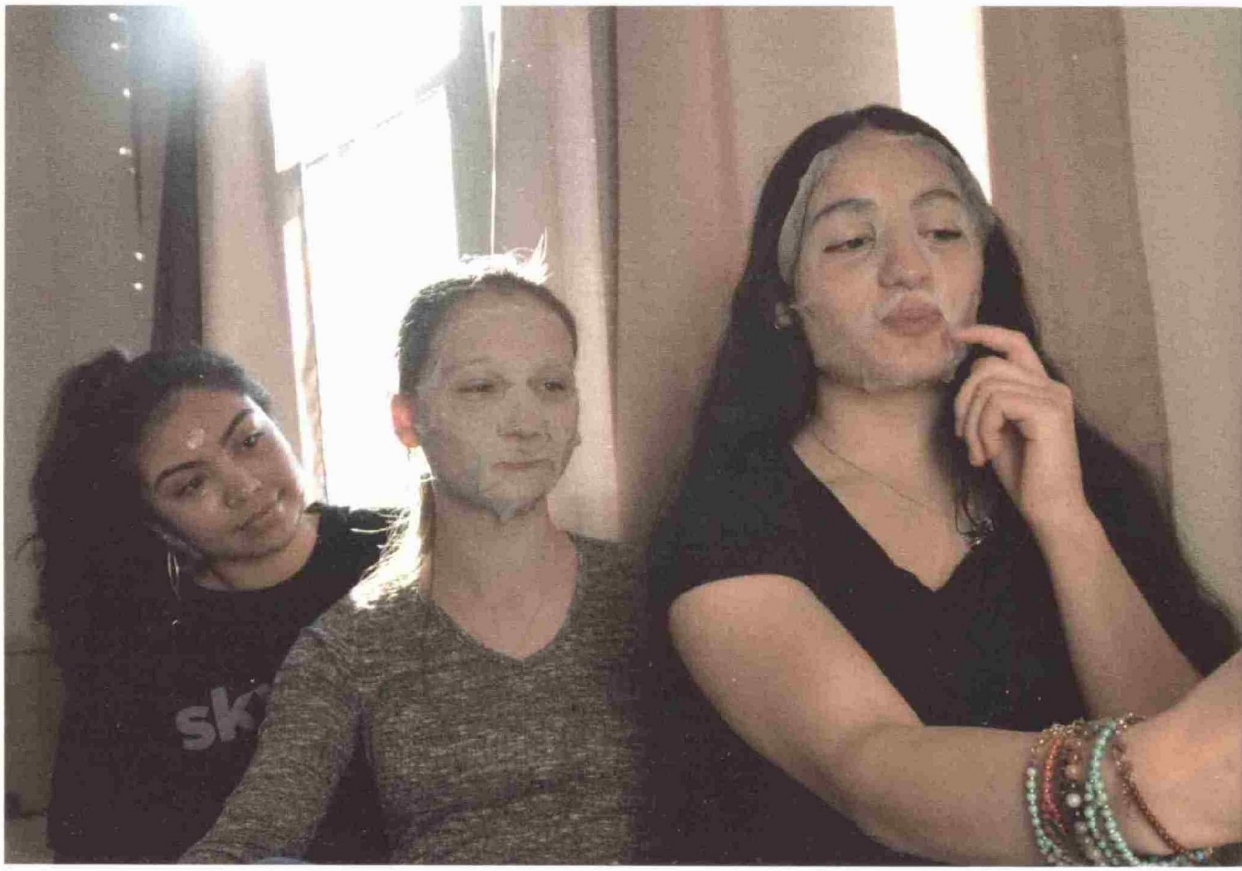
The week of Jan. 28, school was cancelled for four consecutive days due to a polar vortex that brought temperatures as low as -22 degrees, a historic low.

How did you feel when you found out school was cancelled?

"Not happy... I had to make up a test."
Simona Terek, 9

"I was sleeping."
Austin Lynn, 12

"Relieved."
Zachary Romero, 9



face off Taking out a sheet mask, Haya Safi, senior, gets ready to start her skin care process. She participated in a self-care day with her friends over winter break. "My favorite part was getting to see and spend time with my friends and getting the chance to just take a break from life." Haya said. self-care Mid-face mask, Viviana Luna, Alina Hillegonds, and Haya Safi, seniors, decide to take a funny photo. "Doing self-care often is vital." Haya said, "Nothing in the world can make you happy if you don't love and feel secure in yourself."
Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

fully booked

from Chicago to Kenya, students share photos on social media of where they went on break. while some students enjoyed staying home, others preferred to explore, making new memories at every turn.

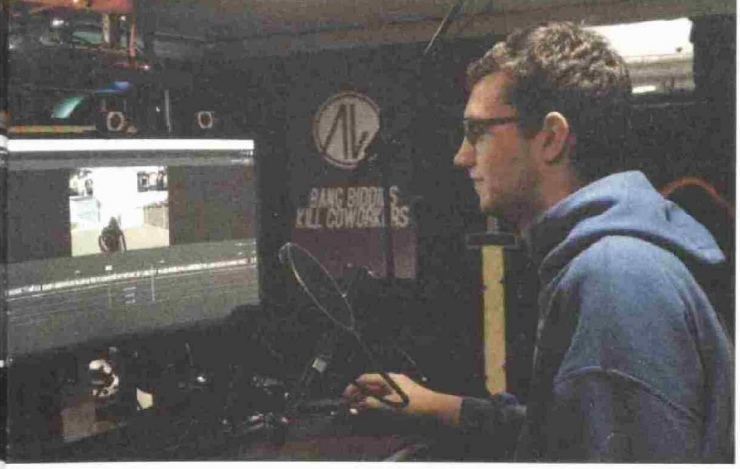
Sage Sweeney and Jaylee Rodriguez, seniors, at Lincoln Park Zoo

Madison Hansen, senior, in Hawaii

Emily Badynski and Melody Deering, juniors, at Gourley Line Orchard

Maureen Van Matre and Rachel Vanek, sophomores, in the Chicago Loop

"We were at Saint Paul about two summers ago and we were playing this game called crab. We were running around and Brendan Guthrie was trying to find us. By the end of the game he hit his head right on one of the monkey bars and was in big pain." Michael Dywan, 11



grab the camera

what it's like to have a YouTube channel

review replay

During winter break, Jake Whitaker, junior, and some of his friends made YouTube videos. They have been making videos for years, and cover content from gaming to doing random things around town. "My favorite video was probably the one where I went bald," Jake said. "One day I just felt like doing it and I just said "Noah get the camera, and soon we had a video."

Photo by Sydney Pastor

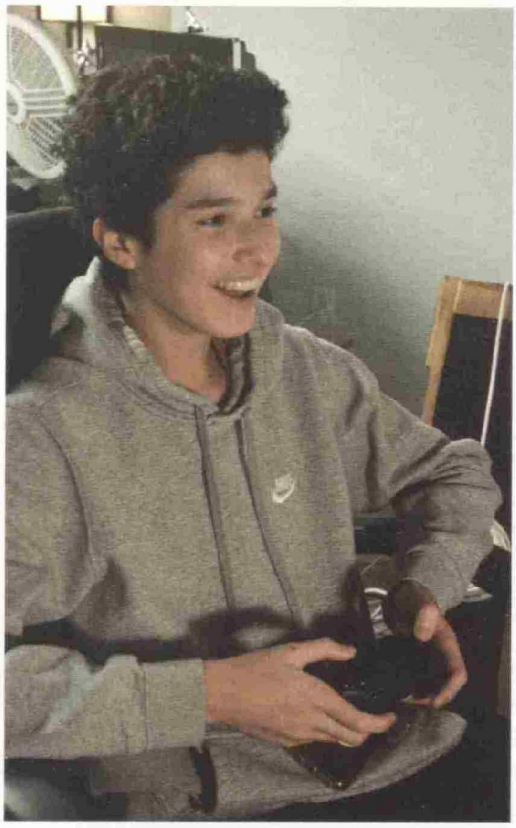
top 3 videos

as of Jan. 2019

1. AdventuresLife: Harrys Please Sponsor Us (4.9k views)
2. AdventuresLive (267 views)
3. AdventuresLive: Schedule (167 views)

game on

talking with John Linnane about de-compressing with video games



in control

Relaxing over winter break, John Linnane, freshman, passes time playing video games. He was playing Red Dead Redemption 2, which came out in October. "I spent a lot of time waiting to play that game," John said, "Having some time off to play was really nice." Photo by Charlie Hofferth

"Hyped."
Lindsey Reda, 9

"Ecstatic."
Thomas Ryan, 12

What do you do on your days off?

"Hang out with friends."
Daniel Cornejo, 10

"Play video games."
Grant Mikrut, 10

"Sleep, go out with my family and my friends and have fun."
Giovanni Paniagua, 11

"Most of the time I'm visiting family to help them out."
Isabelle Alverez, 11

"Visit family."
Roger Fabian, 10

"I watched movies a lot and pet my cats."
Summer Gill, 11

lounge around

What is your favorite show to binge watch on Netflix and why?

binge watch: watching hours and hours of content without interruption (snacks don't count)

"Probably 'The Vampire Diaries' because it is always good to rewatch."
Ana Gaither, 11

"'Stranger Things' because it is kind of creepy, but for some reason you just got to keep watching to see what happens next."
Corina Love, 12

"It would need to be 'American Horror Story' because I need to catch up with everything again."
Juan Salgado, 12

"'Sherlock.' The story line is so interesting and I ended up watching the entire show."
Faith Eriks, 12

Harper Swope, sophomore, in Arizona

Summer Witvoet and Nick Cieslak, seniors, at County Line Orchard

Nicole Biestek, senior, in Nairobi, Kenya

Carina Crisan, sophomore and Aidan Chism, junior, at the Magnificent Mile

Savanah Sharpe, senior, in Urubamba, Peru

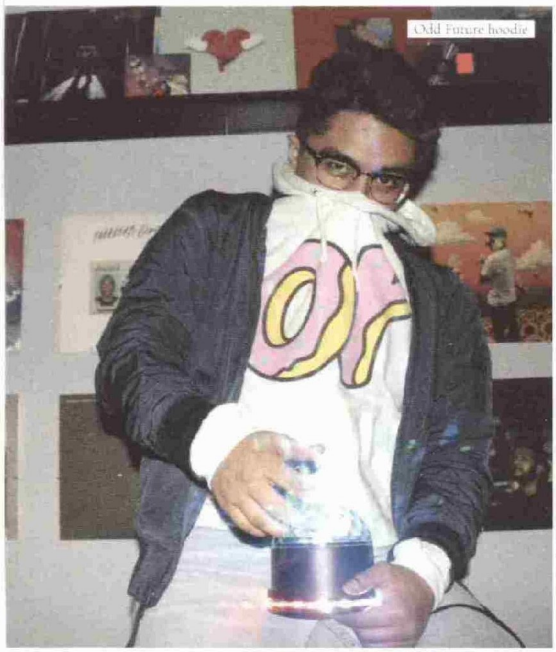
Monica Fronczek, senior, at County Line Orchard

"I worked at Jewel-Osco and I got fired. My mom would've been mad if I gotten fired from there, so I had no idea what to do. I called Andrew Synko and I was like, 'Can I please come to your house because I just got fired.'" Brenden Guthrie, 11

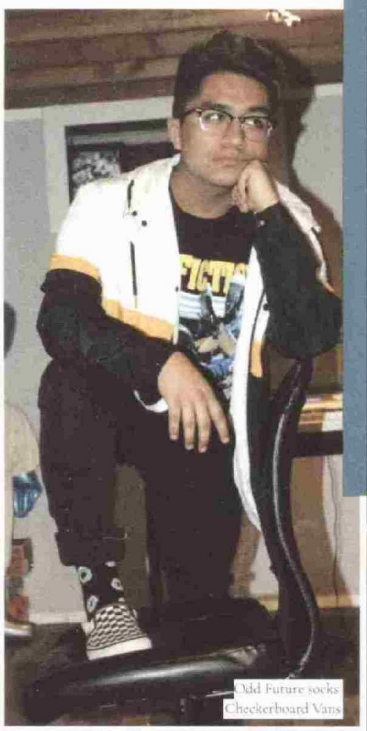
i see it, i like it

i want it, i got it

styling their favorite pieces in their closet, Israel Melendez, Megan Dedelow and Kevin Chinnam show off their unique sense of fashion, while Adam Klaich, Clayton Bubash and Maja Kaurin kick back in athleisure to stay comfy during the school day



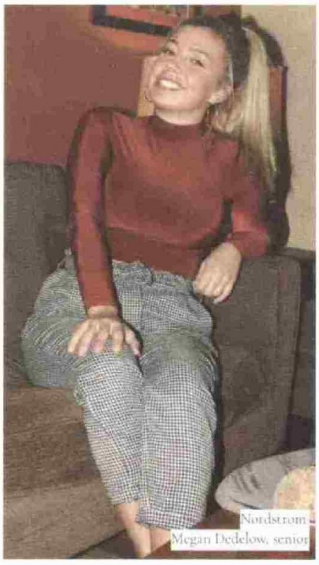
Odd Future hoodie



Odd Future socks
Checkerboard Vans

"I didn't really follow other people's trends. I was a very picky person when it came to my clothes. I kind of just went with how I was feeling for the day, and since I was a big music person too, it kind of also depends on what music I would be in the mood for at that time. The perfect outfit is something that truly expresses one's feelings and what really makes them themselves. People shouldn't follow trends all the time. They can dress however they want and they shouldn't care about other people's opinions."

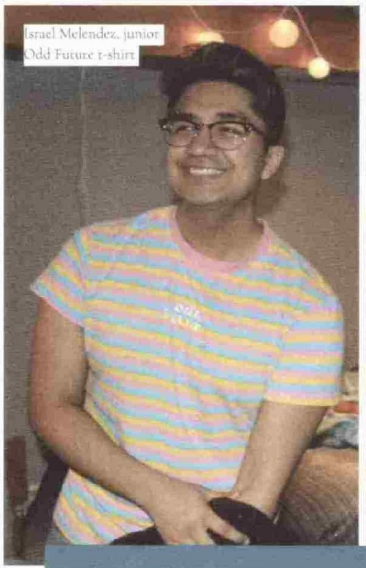
Israel Melendez, junior



Nordstrom
Megan Dedelow, senior

"I really like to shop at places like Urban Outfitters and PacSun. I shop online a lot, that's a problem that I have. I also like to go thrift shopping. I like to try to take something old and make it something new again. I like to try new things, I like to be myself and I like to be confident about what I wear. If you're not confident then it just doesn't look the same."

Megan Dedelow, senior

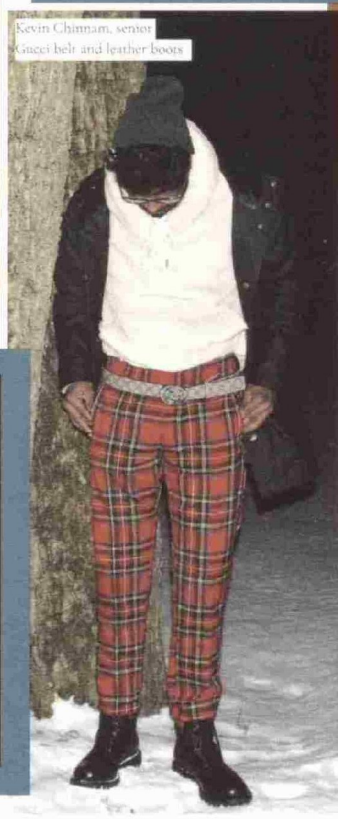


Israel Melendez, junior
Odd Future t-shirt

Tyler the Creator bomber jacket

"I shop at Forever 21, H&M, and Zara, but I have brands like Supreme, Gucci, Yeezy and Louis Vuitton. They're all my favorites. I like (the latter brands) because they're high fashion and expensive. Fashion means your unique style. You don't really care what people think about you, you just do what you want. If you like it, you wear it. If you know how to rock it, you rock it."

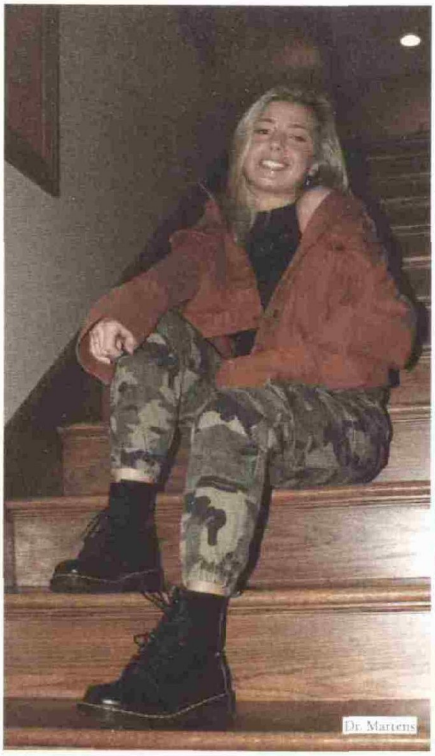
Kevin Chinnam, senior



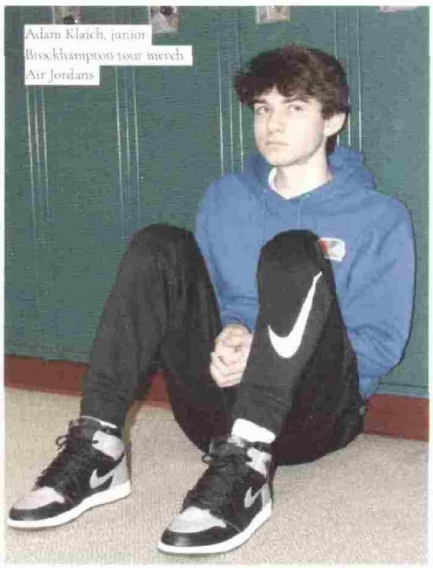
Kevin Chinnam, senior
Gucci belt and leather boots

"There was this time with Olivia Newman that I purposely spit my gum on the ground for her to step on it. It got stuck on her shoe and two days later found it under her shoe." Andrew Synko, 11

Urban Outfitters
Adidas Falcon Shoes



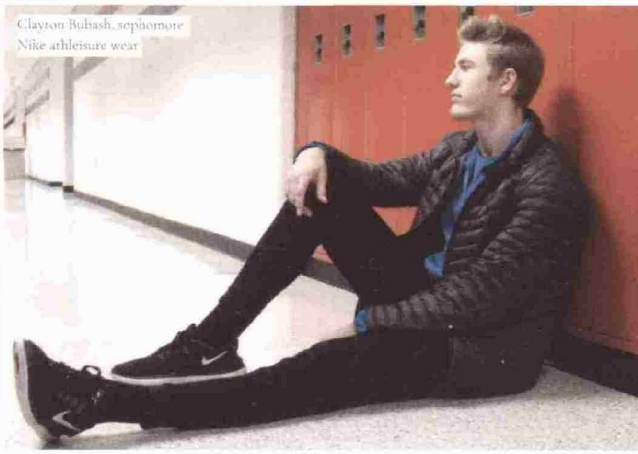
Dr. Martens



Adam Klaich, junior
Brockhampton tour merch
Air Jordans

"Fashion was mostly a hobby for me. I think some of it was over the top, but if done right, fashion is a very beautiful thing and a way people can show their artistic ability. I think anything can be considered fashionable as long as it looks good. Even something as simple as a pair of black sweatpants can still be fashionable when it's paired with a nice sweatshirt or a pair of nice shoes."

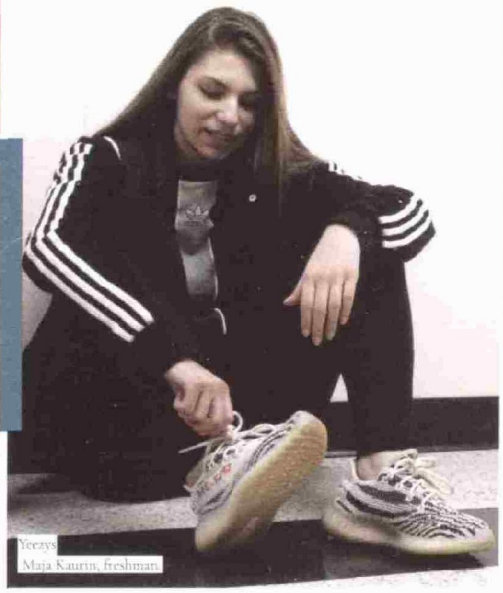
Adam Klaich, junior



Clayton Bubash, sephomore
Nike athleisure wear

"Dressing down is important because I take naps a lot and I don't know when I'm going to take them, so I have to be ready to be comfortable. I usually wear sweatpants or joggers and a sweatshirt to school. I don't really wear jeans. They're uncomfortable and most jeans don't really fit me."

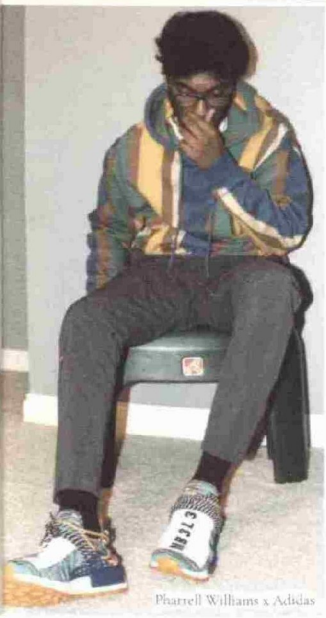
Clayton Bubash, sophomore



Yeezys
Maja Kaurin, freshman

"(Dressing for comfort) makes me feel like I'm at home, in a blanket, while doing homework and chilling. I usually dress up for school but it depends how I feel in the morning. Like, this morning, I was running late."

Maja Kaurin, freshman



Pharrell Williams x Adidas

"Me and Patricia Proctor were helping with an English project. We had to pretend to be the 'To Kill a Mockingbird' characters. We dressed up and we went over by Hohman Avenue under the bridge. It turned out really funny and really embarrassing to be in front of our English class." Olivia Newman, 11

What does your typical Friday night look like ?

"It is usually filled with homework because I am not allowed to go out until it is done."
Mikey Dempsey, 10

"Cleaning my room because I cannot go out if I don't."
Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, 11

"Hanging out with friends and doing what makes me happy."
Josh Clark, 9

"I like to relax with my friends especially if it has been a long day at school."
Karolina Sroka, 12

"Taking a fat, after school nap."
Samantha Barraza, 12

"I like to go to school sporting events."
Mollie Clark, 11

balancing priorities

upperclassmen work late into the night to make extra money

register ringing
Working late at Munster Donut, Emma Stevens, senior, rings up a customer. Working anywhere from three to eight hours a day, Emma has had her fair share of practice with customer service. "It's a refresher from the people at school," Emma said. "Coworkers are the ultimate gossip buddies."
Photo by Sydney Pastor

laughing late
Working at Bed Bath and Beyond, Isabelle Gonzales and Becca Krahn, seniors, make the most of their time at work. While Becca has worked at the store for months, it was Isabelle's first day. "It's stressful sometimes working during school because my grades fall," Becca said. "I found a good mix of work and school so now I am doing good in both."
Photo by Sydney Pastor

dancing the night away

story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith design by Sydney Pastor

friends start an unlikely tradition that keeps them coming back

Many students still struggle to find where they belong. Our school offers a sense of community to some, but others still like to find new places to hangout. For seniors Will McComis and Matt Nahnsen, this place was none other than the line dancing joint, DW's Junction, in Hebron.

The boys' first trip there was two years ago when an older classmate took them one weekend.

"I only went because I had nothing better to do," Will said. "When I showed up there was this giant wooden floor and I had no idea what was about to happen."

At first, Will was confused about the setting; meanwhile Matt was overwhelmed by all the people. However, they were both surprised on how much they ended up enjoying it.

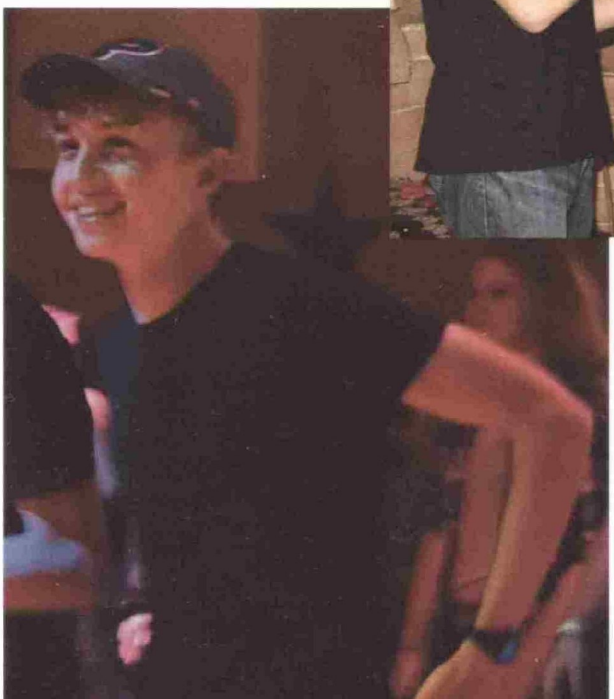
"Everyone noticed I was new and helped me learn the dances," Matt said. "That is what made me realize that these were great people, at a great place."

This realization gave the boys the idea to go line dancing every Friday that they had available; sometimes they even brought partners.

"Every so often we would bring our friends from home," Will said. "We want them to experience the fun that we have every weekend."

But that does not mean they did not meet new people from elsewhere.

"It is nice to know people who you have a common interest with," Matt said. "Going back every weekend and dancing with people who you know enjoy it as much as you do adds to the sense of community you feel when line dancing."

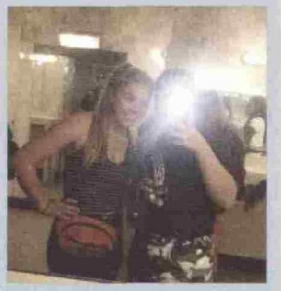


"We got out of the softball parking lot after school and Olivia Newman was driving with Payton Poulston, Abbey Ruckert, Emme Poulston, Andrew Synko, and Christian Portone in the car. Olivia turned too early before the turning lane. Then, the cop got behind her and pulled her over." Patricia Proctor, 11

school night shows

Sam Buffano, junior, spends her night going out with friends and seeing Brockhampton live

screenshot of ticket provided by Sam Buffano



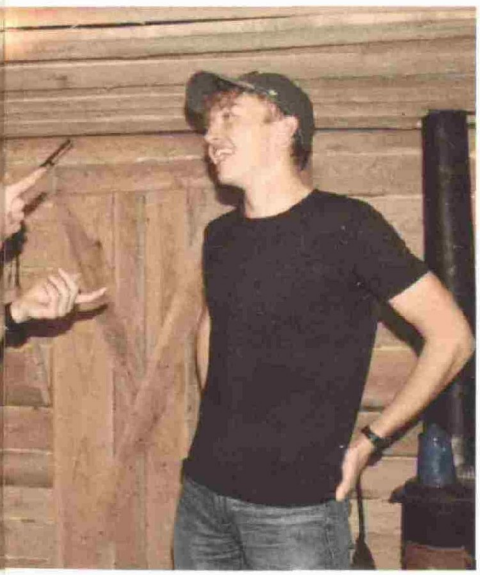
picture from night of concert provided by Sam Buffano

Why do you like Brockhampton?
Their music is different and it is really relaxed style of rapping.

Why did you go on a school might?
I had never seen Brockhampton in concert and I was super exited when I heard they were coming to town.

How many concerts have you been to?
Four.

Would you do it again?
Totally. It was amazing hearing them in person and I loved being around people who love the same music that I do.



new day, new dance

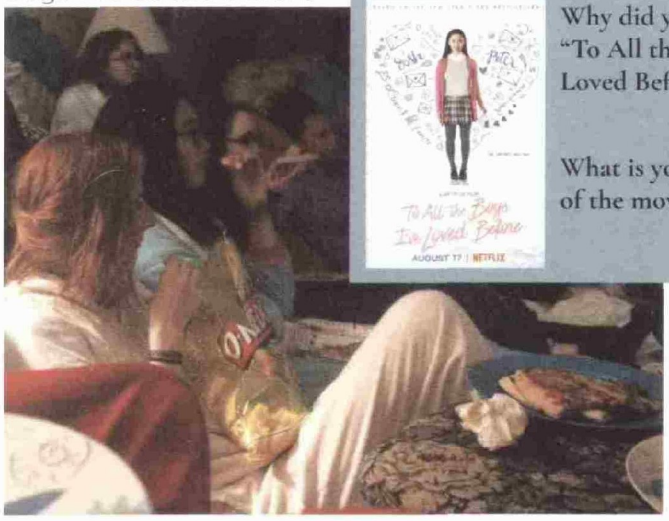
Talking before they go into DW's Junction, Matt Nahnsen and Will McComis, seniors, discuss the night to come. They have gone nearly every Friday night, however each night is a different experience. "They are always playing new songs," Matt said. "Every time we go there is a new dance."
Photo by Vanessa Situ

all lined up

Smiling while busting some moves, Matt Nahnsen, senior, enjoys the music. His favorite thing about line dancing is the community. "We are like one big family," Matt said. Photo by Vanessa Situ

movie night Q&A

flute section bonds over Netflix movie, "To All the Boys I've Loved Before"



Q & A with Alejandra Salas, sophomore, member of the flute section

Why did you guys choose "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" ?
Everybody liked that movie and had seen it before

What is your favorite part of the movie?
I liked when Peter did the pocket spin.

pizza party

With the flute section over for a movie night, juniors Lauren Morris and Emily Shu eats popcorn. All the girls decided to wear pajamas to make it more exciting. "I'm more than happy to offer up my home as a place where people can hang out and have a good time," Lauren said. Photo by Sydney Pastor

"Me and my sister, Emme Poulston, got into a fist fight at lunch and our principal had to split us up and then he called my mom." Payton Poulston, 11

How did it feel to turn in your Common Application?

"Like a burden had finally been lifted."

Matthew Trippenfeldas, 12

"It felt good for one second, but then I remembered that I still have to apply to all the honors colleges and scholarships and I felt terrible again."

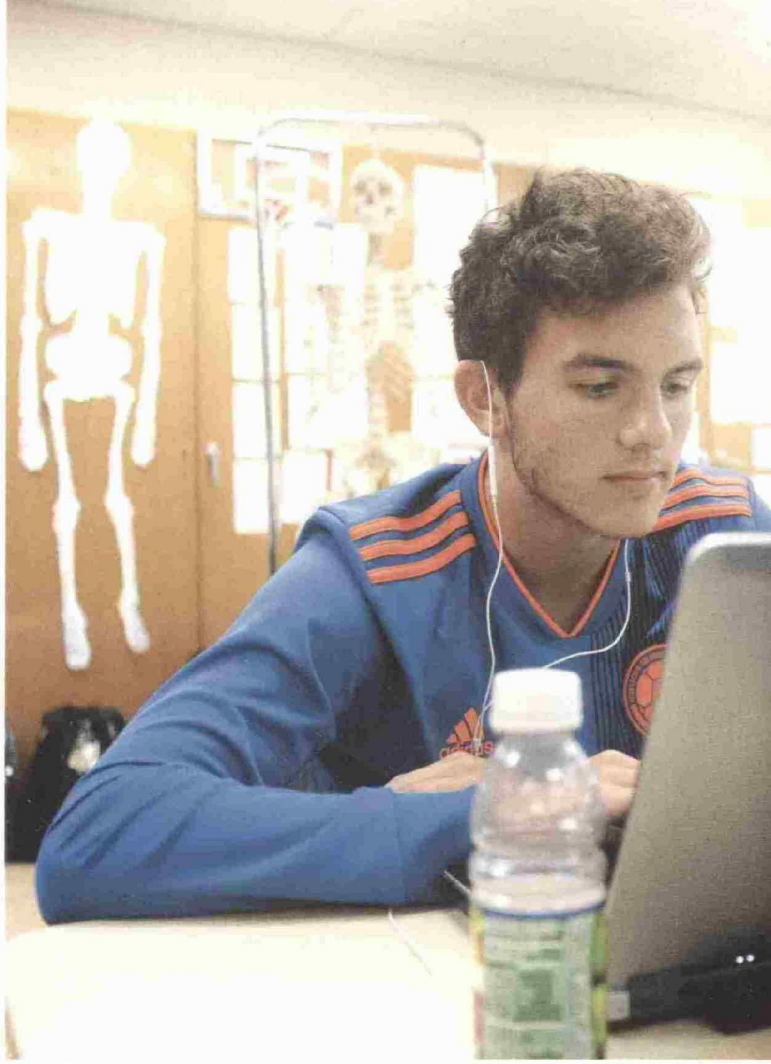
Sierra Gronkiewicz, 12

waiting game

Waiting to leave for the Area Career Center, Luke Davidson, senior, types on his computer. On regular days the students leave after MRT, and on late start days they leave before. "I love the career center," Luke said. "It is the most exciting part of my day." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

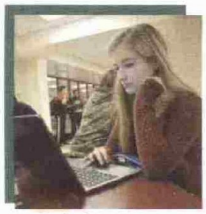
transportation station

Smiling as she walks, Erianna Sims, junior, heads towards the buses that were going to take her to the ACC. There are two buses, a calm one, and a party one. "I usually sit on the party one," Erianna said. "I always sit next to my friends which makes the rides more enjoyable." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



testing tips

Emma Higgason, junior, gives tips on how to get a perfect score on the ACT



"I went through and **wrote my own answer key** to questions I had **previously gotten wrong** on practice tests."

"I made sure to take the test **three times**, I did **not give up** after the first try."

study habits

Emma Higgason, junior, studies her homemade answer key. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

english

memorize all of the grammar rules and read all of the passages

math

just practice and make sure to take the test after you learn basic pre-calc/trig rules and before you forget algebra 2 rules

reading

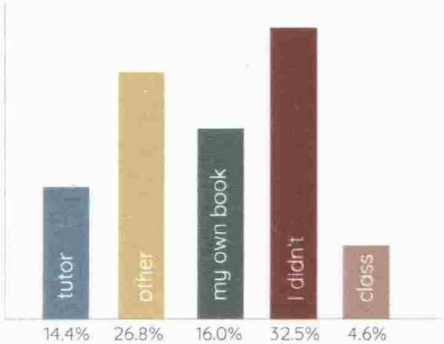
box in names and phrases in the passage that could be important, it's faster than skimming the passage later

science

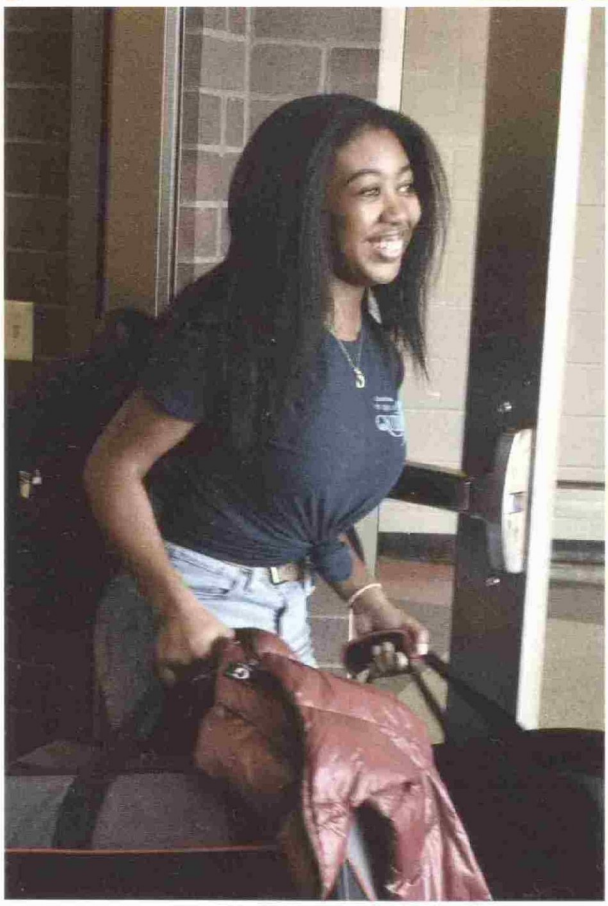
since it is mostly data interpretation, use the same tactics as reading, all while studying basic science facts

in reality

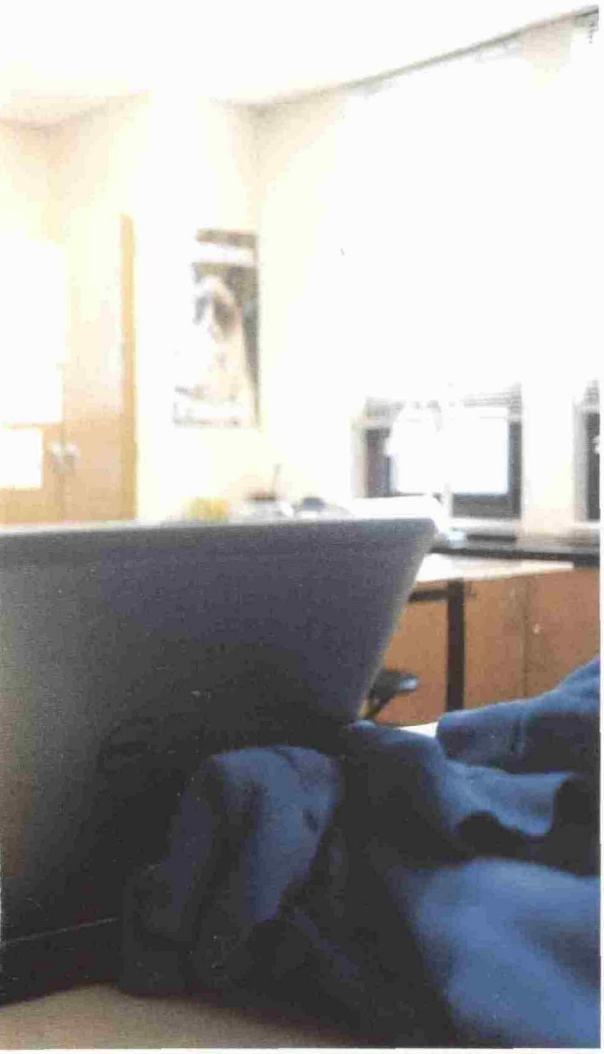
Students took a survey on how they actually studied for the ACT

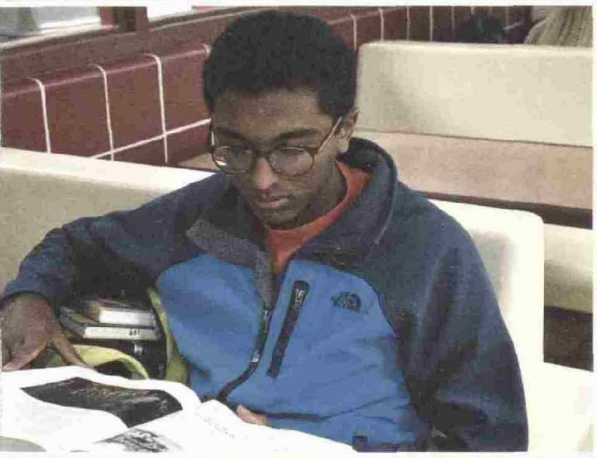


Pie graph survey of 194 students on October from Nov. 9-13



"Me, Abbey Ruckert and a couple of other friends were eating and she was drinking her water when I made her laugh. Then, she spit her water out all over the table. We got our phones taken away and we both got detentions." **Emme Poulston, 11**





a center for any interest

story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

students share their opinions of the Area Career Center

Most students today believe that attending college is the only way they be successful later in life. But students who attend the Area Career Center (ACC) beg to differ.

The ACC is a place where students who know what job they want in life can experience it in a way that is different than learning in a traditional high school. Teachers who have experience in different industries prepare students for college and the workforce, providing them with industry recognized certifications. Students who attend it pick a program and go every day after fourth hour.

Ryan Greep, senior, chose the welding program to prepare him for the workforce.

"I have always enjoyed building and working on things so the ACC gave me an opportunity to explore that interest," Ryan said. Because he attended the ACC for two years he will be certified by the American Welding society. The certificate tells an employer that you have learned basic welding and are prepared to immediately start a job. Last year, every two year graduate was handed a job paying $18 an hour right out of high school.

"People think that college is the only way to be successful in life, but that is not always the case," Ryan said.

Although, the ACC can also prepare students who are eventually seeking a college degree. Seniors Adeyah Shine and Chas Varkalis both attend the ACC but have both applied to colleges.

Chas initially enrolled in the construction program seeking a job associated with that profession. However, once he started taking classes, he realized that it was not the right path for him, but he still takes classes there and was offered an opportunity to participate in the SkillsUSA leadership program.

"I participated in the prepared speech section and ended up going to state," Chas said. "There are so many opportunities at the ACC for everyone, people just do not know about it."

Participating in programs like these allowed Chas to find his real passion: sales. Although his construction knowledge will not completely go to waste.

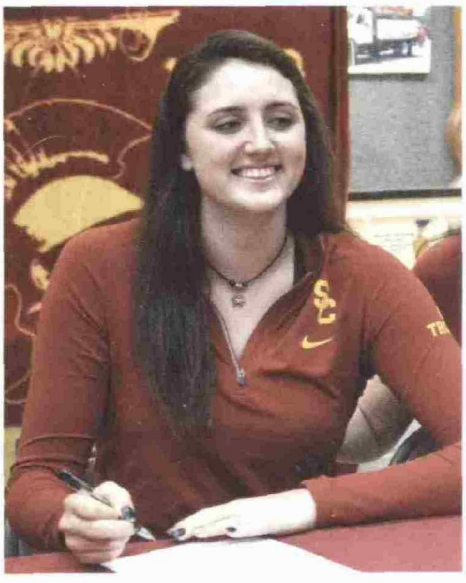
"Even though I do not want a career in construction it has taught me valuable skills that will save me tons of money in the future," Chas said. "And if all else fails I have something to fall back on."

Adeyah, also planning to attend college, was initially confused on what she wanted to do, and the ACC helped her narrow down her interests.

"I was in the Health Careers program, and the ACC helped me determine that I want to go into the medical field," Adeyah said. "The ACC gave me the opportunity to get exposed and learn different things about the medical field that I could not get from a normal school day at Munster."

The Area Career Center is a place for all students no matter if they plan on attending college or not.

"The classes here prepare the students for individual career choices that they want to explore, and I believe it is a great opportunity for everyone," Chas said.



end goal Flipping through his textbook, Kathir Venkat, junior, studies for AP US history. In order to prepare him for college, Kathir is taking six AP classes. "I also partake in summer programs." Kathir said. "My goal is to get into a good college so I can get a job in the real world." Photo by Vanessa Situ

final touches Staring at his computer, Jake Follmer, senior, finishes up his common application. His application took him only two days to complete. "I applied to four schools," Jake said. "I would feel lucky to get into any one of them." Photo by Chynna Vaughn

finalizing the future After signing to play volleyball at USC, Maddie Horin, senior, smiles at her teammates. She verbally committed two years prior. "It felt good to finally sign," Maddie said. "I love USC and I cannot wait to spend my future there." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

"One time me and my friends were all driving and we were going to turn right onto Ridge Road. A raccoon came out into the middle of the street. It would not get out of the way, so my friend Lily Yalowitz tried to backup and then she ended up hitting the back of her car on a curve. The raccoon never moved and we just left." **Abbey Ruckert, 11**

collections & obsessions

design by Sydney Postor

many students have collections and obsessions, ranging from Apple products to name-brand makeup. here are just a few:

What are you obsessed with?

"I'm obsessed with Star Wars."
Eli Stricker, 12

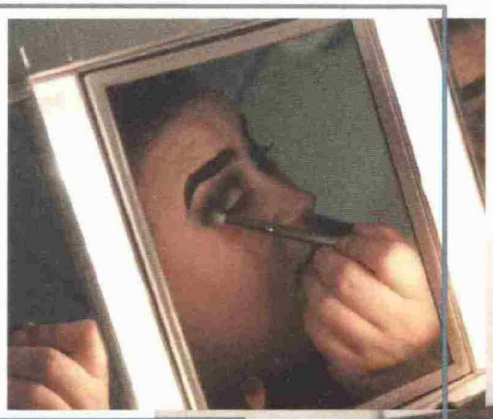
"I can't stay off of Snapchat."
Bailee DeJarlais, 9

"Watching TV."
Katy Nelson, 9

"I'm obsessed with comic books."
Daniel Nozick, 9

wakeup & makeup

Serena Marsh has a passion for makeup, and this is her collection



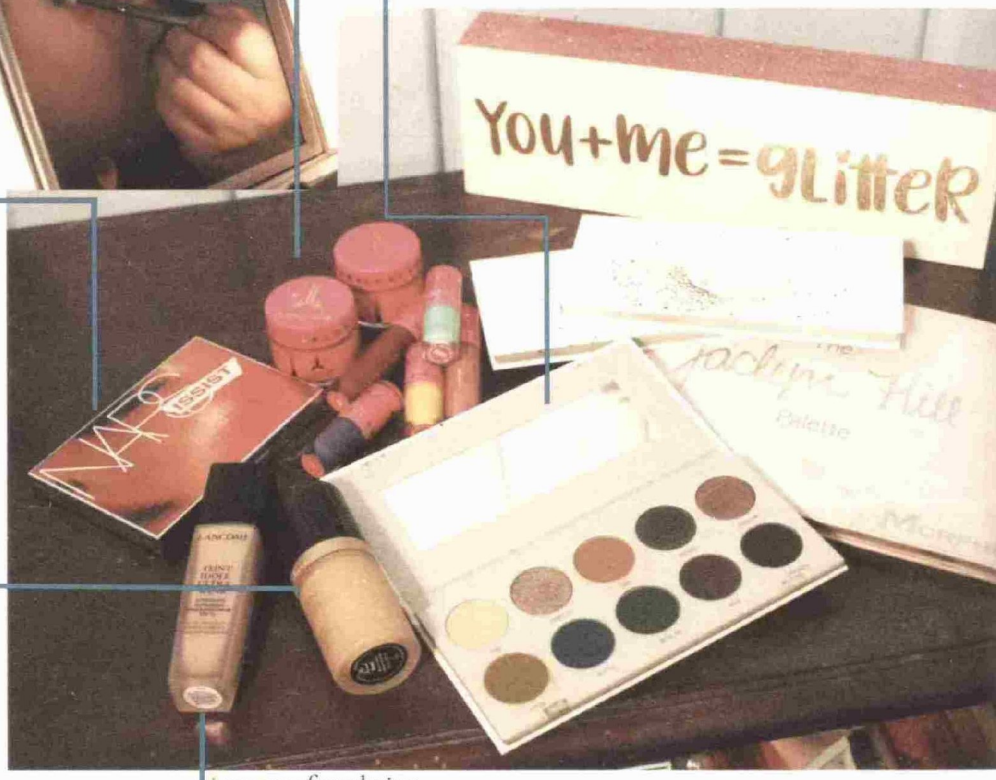
Jeffree Star lip scrubs & lipsticks

Jaclyn Hill Morphe eyeshadow palletes

limited Christmas edition NARSissist pallete

Two-Faced born this way foundation

Lancome foundation

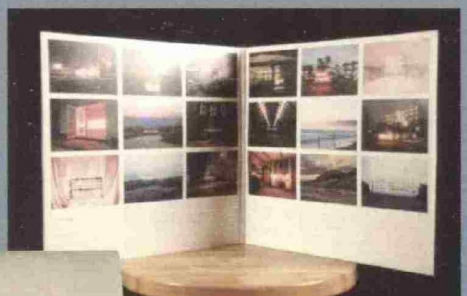


morning routine

Looking at her reflection, Serena Marsh, junior, applies one of her many palletes. While she has a collection of varying brands, her favorite is Morphe. "(Morphe) is inexpensive, but great quality and you get a lot of eyeshadow and pigment for what you are spending," Serena said. Photo by Sean O'Rourke

a record collection

Brendan Bleza, senior, tells about having the ultimate record collection ranging from rock to pop



I Like it When You Sleep - The 1975

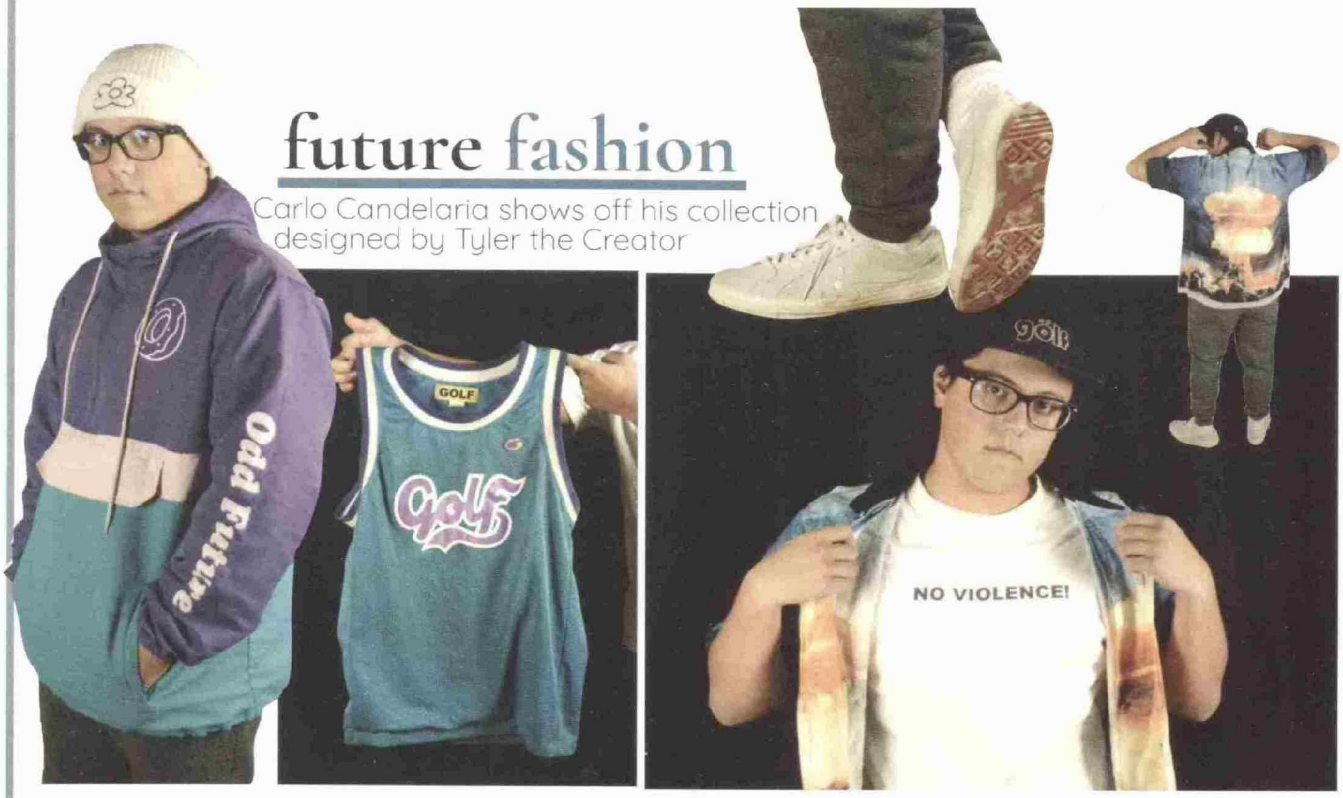
Q How did your love of records start?

A For my sixteenth birthday, I got a record player for my birthday because we were moving out of my house and we found a bunch of records in the basement. We were just like 'Oh, this is cool,' and I saw that one of my favorite bands was releasing a vinyl of their music, so I was like, alright, I'm going to get this, and it eventually became an obsession and now I have two crates full. I have one from Eddie Murphy, and I didn't even know he made music.

"When I was younger my best friend Hazel Wolf were family friends but I used not like her. Then, one day, we were at the pool, during the summer, I said, 'I could beat you up' and she said, 'I could beat you up.' We didn't actually fight or anything. We really just didn't like each other from the beginning and now we are best friends." Lily Yalowitz, 11

future fashion

Carlo Candelaria shows off his collection designed by Tyler the Creator

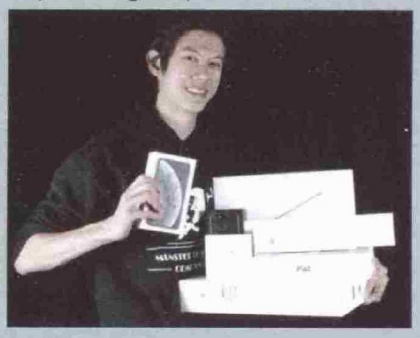


How did your obsession start?
Back in my freshman year, my friend Aiden Smith (junior) showed me one of Tyler's songs from his album, Cherry Bomb. I had remembered seeing Tyler years prior with his YONKERS video, but I never got into it. All my friends were so into Tyler that I decided to give it a couple more listens and I fell in love. After a while, I decided to check the online stores to see if there was anything I was interested in and I ended up finding my jersey (pictured above). That was the first peice I ever bought. Soon, many more followed and I got a mix of Odd Future, Illegal Civ, which was a branch off of Odd Future, and GOLF Wang which is the main brand. I've spent a good amount of money since then, but in my eyes, it was all worth it.

Why do you buy certain types of merch? Is it just for owning it or is it because you like how it looks?
It really depends. I only usually buy it if it looks good and if I can make it work with my style. Other times, if it is such an exclusive item, I'll get it, like a lighter. I will never use a lighter, but I am just keeping it for the collection.

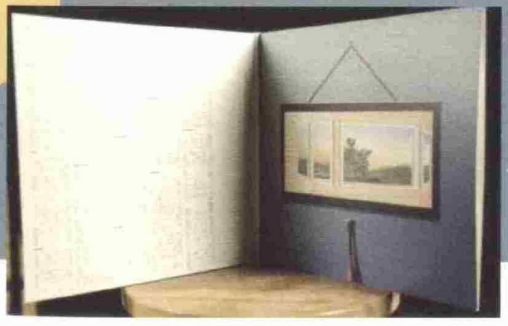
apples to apples

tech collector, Francis Hovland, shows just a glimpse of his collection



apple fanatic
Holding up just some of his collection, Francis Hovland, sophomore, talks about his obsession. He currently uses four products, ranging from iPads to earpods. "There is just a certain elegance to them, it's just really clean design," Francis said.
Photo by Sydney Pastor

Landmark - Hippocampus



What's your favorite thing about listening to records?

The quality they produce out of the record player, there's just a sound to it like the crackling of the needle running along the record. It just sounds more aesthetic if you will. It's older but it sounds good with modern music.

What is your favorite vinyl album you own?

My favorite is probably Landmark from Hippocampus, because it was just a very pivotal point in my life. I just love the album artwork for it because and there's a picture on the inside that just looks really cool and it just has really unique design.

How do you run across the more unique records?

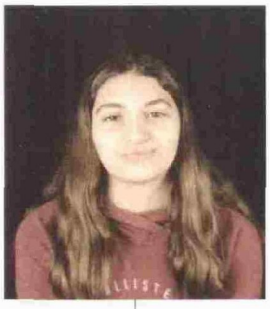
Definitely hand me downs. I got a lot from my dad, I got a lot from my uncle—it's definitely hand me downs from stuff they bought when they were teenagers.

"Freshmen year when my group of friends and I couldn't drive yet, we had to bike around town. We decided to go to Dairy Queen and Hannah Foster was too lazy and stayed home. Emme, Sydney, and I biked all the way to Dairy Queen, halfway across town, and we were like, "Do you want anything?" and she was like, "Yeah, I want a cone." So just to mess with her, we bought her a straight up cone without ice cream or anything. We biked all the way back across town and when we got back she was so mad she crushed it. All she wanted was ice cream and we just got her a cone." **Hazel Wolf, 11**

from me

You shared your stories with us, and now we're sharing them with you. We asked students for a piece of themselves, in words. Here you can read individualized narratives from students, from them to you.

What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?



The funniest thing that ever happened to me was on the first day of high school. I was sitting at a table in ceramics and the person sitting diagonally across from me asked if they could sit by me. I said yes, and then asked them what their name was. They said " Ally." I was so confused, because I thought they were just saying my name, so I asked again. They said "Ally." I was so confused because I thought they somehow knew who I was, and I had never seen or heard of this person before. So I asked "Wait, how do you know who I am?" Then class started and we got assigned seats, turns out we both had the abbreviated name, Ally.

from me
Ally Burris, 9

Eniola Abioye
Zoe Ackermann
Nolan Adams
Esteban Alamillo
Michael Alexiou
Korey Allen
Varrick Allen
Maha Alshamaileh

Alejandra Alvarado
Leina Alvarez
Annabella Anderson
Jeremiah Anderson
Marley Anderson
Zion Asgedom
Maxamilian Austin
Anna Babus

Zoie Bailey
Olivia Balbo
Alexandria Barath
Va'Mya Barnes
Kristen Baurain
Ellen Bazaldva
Cooper Beck
Mateo Bedolla

Avery Beerling
Lourdes Belgrad
Madeline Bell
Arianna Bender
Madison Bevil
Arman Bhatt
Shouri Bitla
Amanda Blackstone

Abraham Blaesing
Jennalyse Blanford
Michelle Blanford
Alayna Blasko
David Bobeck
Ethan Boersma
Ashlynn Booker
Morgan Bottiger

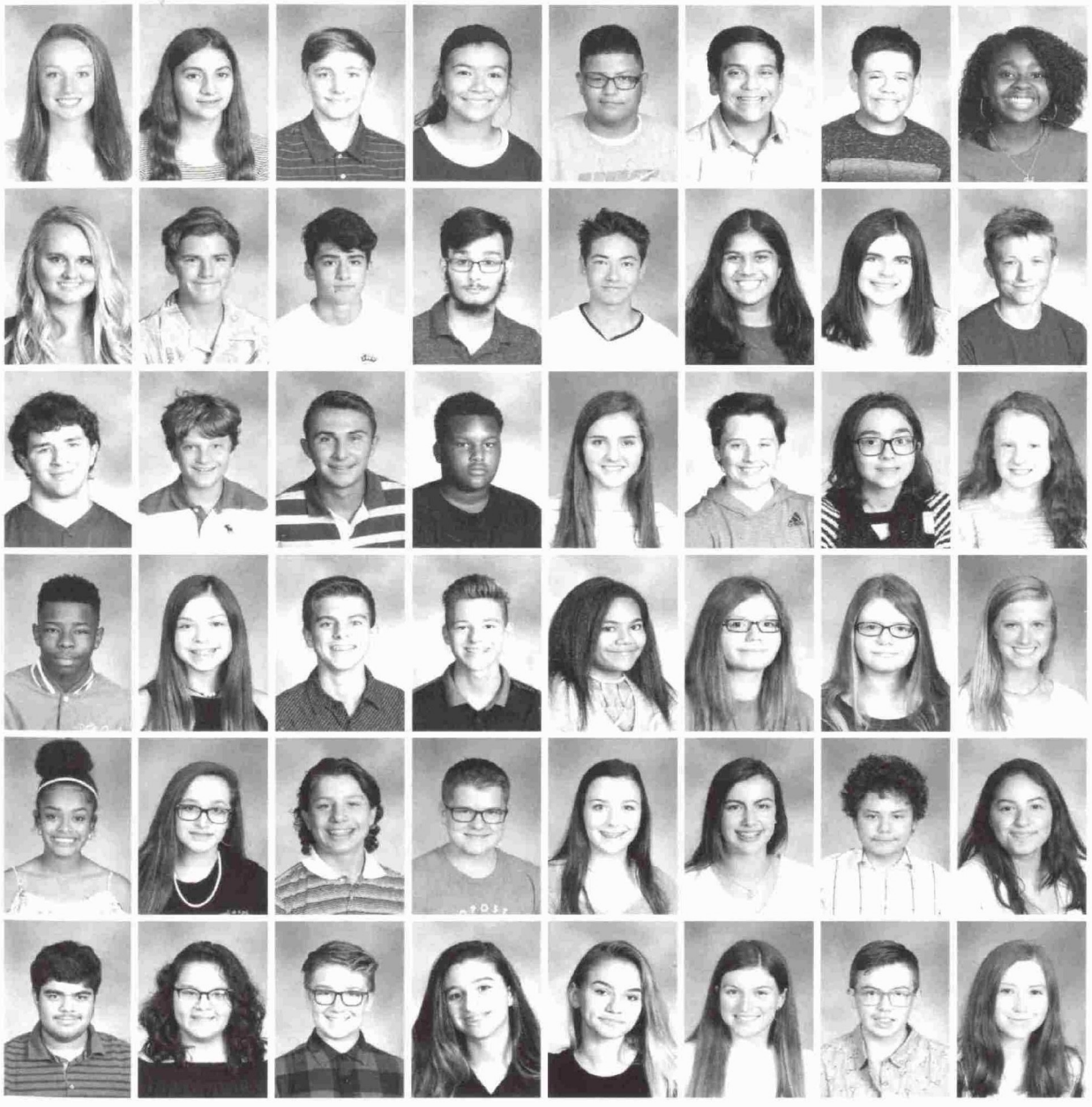
Liam Boyle
Arrissa Brannon
Jia Brasel
Gabrielle Brennan
Wyland Brown
Sophia Brunetti
Steve Bryjak
Jonathan Bryson-Harvey

"We were at a tournament and we had previously found this doll in a locker room, so we brought it because we called her Kimmy and she was our mascot. I was outside the locker room and I walked in, Lordes (Torres) and a bunch of other players were all down on their knees bowing to Kimmy." **Hannah Foster, 11**

What makes you, you?

Moving so much and living in many different places helped me to become who I am today. I have experienced different cultures and met different groups of people which helped to expand my perspective and to consider the viewpoints of others. It also helped me appreciate the people in my life while I can still see them. Living in three different countries and many different states, I developed a range of interests that was influenced by what the people in the region and around me were interested in, such as ice skating when I lived in Canada.

from me
Kristen Baurain, 9



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Allison Burris
Andrew Burzynski
Katelyn Calderon
Antonio Campos
Antonio Cantu
Emilio Cantu
Krysten Caradine

Lilian Carlsson
Logan Carter
Gustavo Carvajal
John Chamberlain
Robert Chambers
Akansha Chauhan
Amelia Chism
Thomas Choros

Markus Ciciora
Jacob Cigler
Jacob Cipowski
Chase Clark
Grace Clark
Joshua Clark
Tatianja Clark
Hannah Cockrum

Monday Coleman
Peyton Collier
Michael Collins
Aleksandar Covic
Evneki Crenshaw
Marisa Crescent
Olivia Crescent
Kathleen Curtin

Amaya Dandridge
Olivia Dannis
Allan Dedelow
Matthew Deering
Bailee Dejarlais
Robyn Dejoan
Alan Del Real
Samantha Del Real

Aishik Dhori
Naomy Diaz
Nova Dillon
Ana Dimopoulos
Stephanie Djuraskovic
Lauren Dolatowski
Xander Edwards
Melinda Eickleberry

an abundance of katies

With four Katies and one Kate in the freshman class, a common name leads to the same common problems

What's the weirdest way you've ever had your name spelled?

"I would say probably k-a-t-y." Katie McComis, 9

How do you feel about your name?

"My name makes me happy because my name is the shorter version of Katherine, and on my birth certificate it is Kate, so my name, although fairly common, is unique in a sense." Kate Krawczyk, 9

Why is your name spelled the way it is?

"Well, I'm named after my aunt, who's name is also Katy. My own aunt even misspelled my name once, k-a-t-i-e instead of k-a-t-y, even though that's how she spells her name! It was pretty sad." Katy Neslon, 9

What's it like having such a common name?

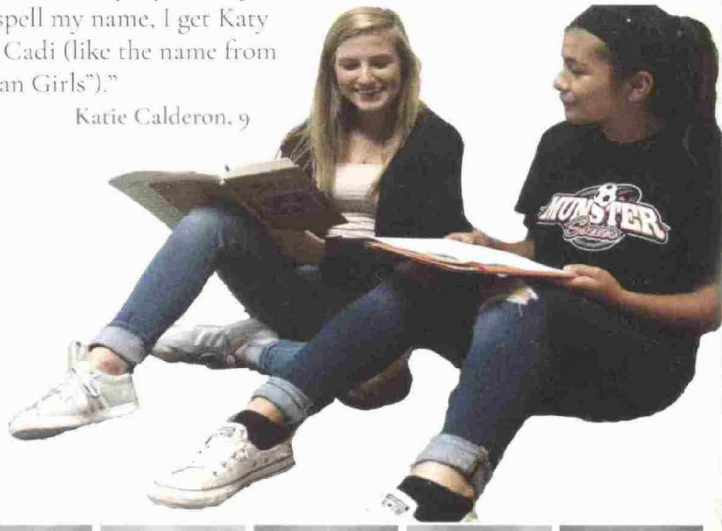
"It's kind of confusing sometimes I have a lot of classes and a lot of Katies are in them, so people say 'Katie' and you're like 'What?'" Katie Curtin, 9

Have you run into any problems having such a common name?

"I haven't really had any major issues with having a common name. I mean, people always misspell my name, I get Katy and Cadi (like the name from "Mean Girls")." Katie Calderon, 9

the name game

Sitting side by side, Katie Curtin and Katie Caldreon work on homework during their MRT. Katie Curtin and Katie Caldreon were two out of the four Katies in the freshmen class. "It's pretty weird, because you've shared your name with so many people," said Katie Curtin. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



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Kaylie Eriks
Alexis Erving
Avery Fabian
Mlynn Fane
Mikyla Farnell
Jeremiah Fassoth
Leilanni Ferrer

Elizabeth Fesko
Eric Fiore-Medina
Victoria Flatt
Joel Flores
Maxwell Follmer
Samuel Foreit
Rebecca Franco
Deondre Fuller

Samuel Fuller
Miguel Gambetta
Naomi Gandarilla
Erica Garcia
Jordan Garrison
Emma Geary
Peter Giannini
Lainie Gideon

Anne Gilhooly
Evan Gill
Stephen Gill
Brady Ginaven
Nicholas Godinez
Iris Gong
David Gonzalez
Emma Gossman

"Ashley Nita and I met in our youth choir when we were in third grade and that's how I met one of my best friends, through Jesus." Mackenzie Sricklin, 10

Julia Grabelle
Madison Green
Marina Gronkiewicz
Kaylauren Gruber
Lorenzo Gutierrez
Lindsey Guy
Robert Guy
Sarah Halun

Joel Hanna
Randal Harper
Keira Hawk
Kylan Hedges-Jones
Kyleigh Henn-Ketchan
Amelia Hernandez
Issac Hernandez
Elizabeth Hill

Otto Hoehl
Gage Hoekstra
Henry Hofferth
Jaquan Holliday
Elijah Homan
Julia Hoop
Ryan Hughes
Peter Hwang

Christopher Iatrides
Aleksandar Ilijevski
Avianna Irby
Payton Isenblatter
Atarah Israel
Charles Iverson
Omar Jackson
Khusi Jhaveri

Christina Johnson
Addison Jones
Donovan Jones
Madison Jonquet
Ava Jureczko
Jacob Katz
Maja Kaurin
Morgan Kazragys

Mickellan Kelly-Long
Gavin Kenning
Mallika Keralavarma
Sana Khan
Salma Khani
Joseph Kicho
Richard Kicho
Isaiah Kim

Sean Kimble
Caitlyn Klos
Morgan Knoche
Amelia Konstantinopoulos
Sydney Kopp
Jenna Kosco
Basilia Kostopanagiotou
Kate Krawczyk

Morgan Krouse
Ryan Kuechenberg
Arman Kumar
Paige Lamb
Sydney Lash
Alison Lee
Madison Leimbach
Zachary Lenaburg

Alexis Lepir
Edward Lewis
Maxwell Lindenmayer
John Linnane
Alana Lockett
Tyler Lukowski
Violet Luna
Sydney MacLean

"Mikey McDunn and I were king and queen of Haphazardly Ever After in eight grade and Mikey would always try to steal the more comfortable throne from me even though I would never let him." **Ashley Nita, 10**

Anushka Majety
Trinity Malave
Arianna Maldonado
Briana Mancha
Finn Manion
Georgiana Manojlovic
Aleksandar Maric
Paris Marshall

Jordan Martinez-Scott
Marko Martinovic
Charles Mason
Brook Maul
Giovanni Mayorga
Katherine McComis
Madeline McFeely
Haley Melby

Louis Meldgin
Gianni Mendoza
Deyanira Meraz
Samantha Miglinre
Emma Miles
Ethan Miles
Aidan Miller
Emmaline Miller

Edward Minniefield
Vasiliki Mitrakis
William Moell
Bradley Mokan
Beliaflor Mora
Kira Moreno
Peter Moreno
Jah'Nay Morris

Charles Morton
Sarah Morton
Laila Mosley
Ryan Muntean
Katy Nelson
Regan Newby
Nhi Nguyen
Gabriela Nieves

Harrison North
Daniel Nozick
Leah Nozick
David O'Brien
Leah Ochoa
Ayat Odtallah
Sadie Olesh
Diego Oliver

What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

One day in summer school, my friends and I were playing kickball. Coach (Aaron) Brown (track and field coach and WWMS teacher) was our coach, and he was sitting on the side. We were in the outfield, and the ball rolled over. Instead of throwing it back to someone, my friend, Ryan, Hughes (Freshmen) kicked the ball and it hit Coach Brown in the face. The ball actually knocked the glasses off of his face. We were all just laughing hysterically.

from me
Abraham Blaesing, 9

What makes you, you?

I think my eyes represent me. It may seem silly and not the type of answer anyone was looking for, but my eyes are complicated; just like me. My overall eye color is sometimes blue and sometimes green. The interchanging of the colors in my eye represents the two different personalities I have. I am shy most of the time, but I'm also not shy at all. I also have brown specs in my eye, and that kind of represents how bumpy my moods are.

from me
Cali Peterson, 9

"Ubin Kim was next to me in MRT and it was really cold. He would take his coat and put it over the vent and it would create an air duct tube and it would blow up his coat sleeve so cold air would come out of the end." Mikey McDunn, 10

Dyan Oliver
Parker Olsen
Habiba Ouyuon
Alexander Pala
Laci Pala
Olivia Paprstein
Michael Parianos
Ethan Park

Gianna Pascarella
Daniel Pastor
Joshua Patel
Kirtan Patel
Rahi Patel
Amber Payne
Amyah Payton
Isabella Perez

Taylor Perez
Damian Perkins
Calista Petersen
Lauren Phelps
Owen Pirok
Alexandra Platis
Adan Porras
Olivia Porter

Jane Potter
Griffin Poulsen
Keegan Poulsen
Elizabeth Prifogle
Evan Pruzin
Maria Puliaeva
Maya Queroz
Isabelle Quintero

Susan Rabie
Andrew Radziwiecki
Riley Ramirez
Ryan Ramirez
Maria Ramos
Minahil Rao
Lindsey Reda
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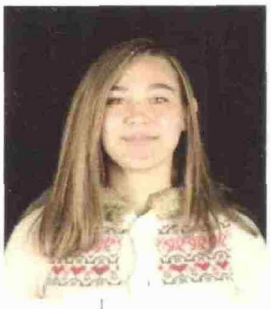
What makes you, you?



What makes me is my art. I've been drawing since I could hold a pencil, and it has always been something I love doing in my free time. Art has also been something that some of my family members do a lot. Art has been something I've vented through when I'm going through a lot. Whenever I'm drawing it makes me feel relaxed because when I draw it feels like I'm free to do whatever I want to on the paper. I feel like no one can judge me. Whenever I'm feeling sad, I draw; it helps me get everything out. My drawings reflect my emotions that I keep bottled up, they reflect who I am.

from me
Madison Leimbach, 9

how do *you* imagine your senior self?

"I imagine my senior self successful and ready for college."
Lauren Dolatowski, 9

"I imagine my senior self not being here [at MHS]."
Joshua Patel, 9

"I imagine myself being more mature, and kind of taller."
Ethan Miles, 9

"[When I'm a senior] I hope to be very successful and hopefully graduate with academic honors."
Sydney Kopp, 9

"Zeke Rand was always the funniest guy in gym." Ubin Kim, 10

Scott Robbins
Grace Roberts
Mark Robinson
Jenna Rock
Jarrod Rodrigues
Alejandro Rodriguez
Arianna Rodriguez
Venalie Roman

Zachary Romero
Jacqueline Rowady
Tonasia Saah
Madeline Sajn
Alejandra Salas
Jusara Salem
Megan Samuels
Jason Sanchez

Alyssa Sangueza
Olivia Sarpong
Amy Savickis
Gianluca Scalzo
Kerra Sepanski
Zayn Shareef
Christopher Shaver
Rashod Shine

Abigail Silva
Clayton Sinwelski
Blake Siurek
Marissa Slivka
Dominick Smith
Jada Smith
Karea Smith
Shannen Smolinski

Kamryn Soares
Carsyn Sobczak
Ryan Soja
Ruby Soukchanh
Hayden Stanley
Luka Stepanovich
Nicholas Stephan
Nicole Sullivan

Trystan Sullivan
Emily Sun
Mark Swanson
Sierra Sweeney
Kaylie Szromba
Austin Talbot
Sanjana Tallamraju
Shira Tenebaume

Mattie Tengdin
Simona Terek
Kenna Teske
Tobin Thayer
Jacob Thometz
Roman Thompson
Gabriel Tienstra
Filip Timko

Mara Trivunovic
Natasha Truett
Brielle Trull
Zachary Tucker
Jaylin Turner
Damien Unzueta
Jake Uylaki
Alfredo Valadez

Hannah Van Buskirk
Vanessa Vasquez
Evan Vasser
Victor Vatchev
Faith Vegter
Lucas Vesolowski
Samantha Vesper
Paige Vukadinovich

"I was walking with Ana (Dimopoulos) in the hallways and she said she had a crush on somebody but then she walked into him and I was like 'oh my gosh his eyes are like the ocean,' and kept poking fun at her." **Zeke Rand, 10**

from daisy to girl scout

Long time Girl Scouts discuss how they give back and help the community

Even though Girl Scouts starts when people are young, it isn't just for little girls. Girl Scouts is an activity that could follow a girl scout throughout her entire school career.

Freshmen Emma Gossman, Gabby Nieves and Olivia Paprstein participated Girl Scouts, starting as Daisies in Kindergarten, all the way to becoming seniors scouts during freshman and sophomore years of high school. But that isn't the last step to the program. During the girls' junior and senior years, they will move onto becoming ambassadors, the final step of the scouts program.

The girls worked towards completing their gold award, personal projects each Girl Scout was eligible to complete when in high school. This final project required at least 80 hours to complete and was a very highly regarded achievement.

"I was a girl scout for about 10 years. [Being a Girl Scout] made me a better person. Being a Girl Scout meant making the world a better place. We liked to help out and volunteer at many places, such as Hartsfield Village."
Olivia Paprstein, 9

"Being a Girl Scout meant respecting other people and their differences, and working together with people to help others." Gabby Nieves, 9

"Girl Scouts has helped me with my public speaking in a sense because I am very shy and it helps me be able to talk with people about what we do and what we are about." Emma Gossman, 9

coming up daises
Troop number 10036, composed of a kindergarden class, pose for a picture at a Daisies meeting after school at Elliott Elementary. This is where Emma Gossman, Olivia Paprstein, and Gabby Nieves, freshmen, started their Girl Scout journey.
Photo submitted by Olivia Paprstein

breaking bread
Standing in the kitchen, Julia Grabelle, Olivia Paprstein, Alexandra Barath, Marina Gronkiewicz, Emma Gossman, and Kiera Hawk, freshmen Girl Scouts pose for a picture. "In that picture we made nut roll for culture fest which is held at the middle school," Olivia said. "Our country for the fest was Poland."
Photo submitted by Olivia Paprstein

Marisa Walsh
Jari Warner
Mackenna Weatherly
Joseph Wedgeworth
Gia Weis
Ava Whitney
Bryce Williams
Jaden Williams

Andrew Witten
Reese Wojkovich
Louis Wolf
Riley Wyrzykowski
Elena Yanef
Sihyun Yeo
Anthony Young
Myanne Zachary

Amelia Zajakowski
Emma Zajakowski
Alyssa Zapata
Priscilla Zavala
Cody Zhang

not pictured
Maha Alshamaileh
Rafael Escutia
Ryleigh Galosich
Bryce Haemker
Brooke Reynolds
Ton' Asia Saah
Muhammad Uzair Aziz
Christopher Winston

"Becky Jones is really fun to have on the (golf) team because she's just a person of joy." Ana Dimopoulos, 9

from me

What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you?

The summer after my eighth grade year, my family and I decided that we were going to go to Mexico. We talked to our family in Arizona and asked if they wanted to go too. My sister, parents, and I flew to Arizona and drove down to Mexico with our family in Arizona. We stayed in Mexico for four days, when something awful happened. Our house was on the beach, and we were at the beach, and when we were at the beach (no one was inside the house), robbers came into our house and stole all of our cash, some of our phones and some of our passports. In total, we lost six passports, four phones, seven wallets and about $3,000. I'd have to say that this was the shortest and most expensive trip to Mexico ever.

from me
Mackenzie Stricklin, 10

Ebunoluwa Abioye
Mia Adamus
Mohammed Alam
Dylan Alexander
Madiha Ali
Nathan Allerding
Paulina Alvarado
Jacob Alvarez

Lucas Alvarez-Carey
Jovan Andric
Madeline Andrzejewski
Anthony Anglin
Christian Arellano
Angel Arreguin
Carolina Arroyo
Ari Arzumanian

Halle Asplund
Alexander Ayersman
Mihail Babus
Genavive Bacino
Ian Baker
Luka Balac
Richard Ballentine
John Banaszak

Emily Banaszek
Hannah Bard
Brody Barlage
Jarett Barrientez
Maria Barron
Jaida Beasley
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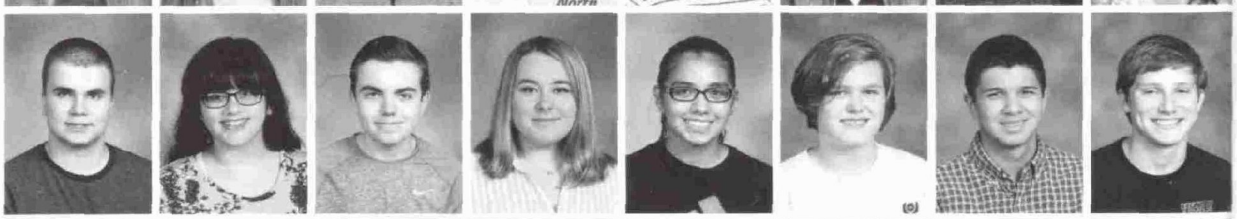

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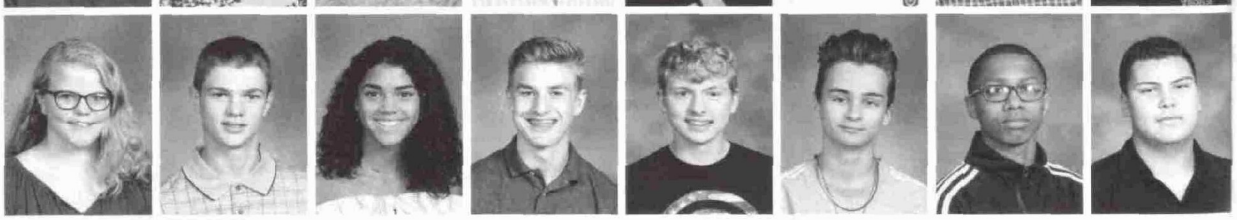
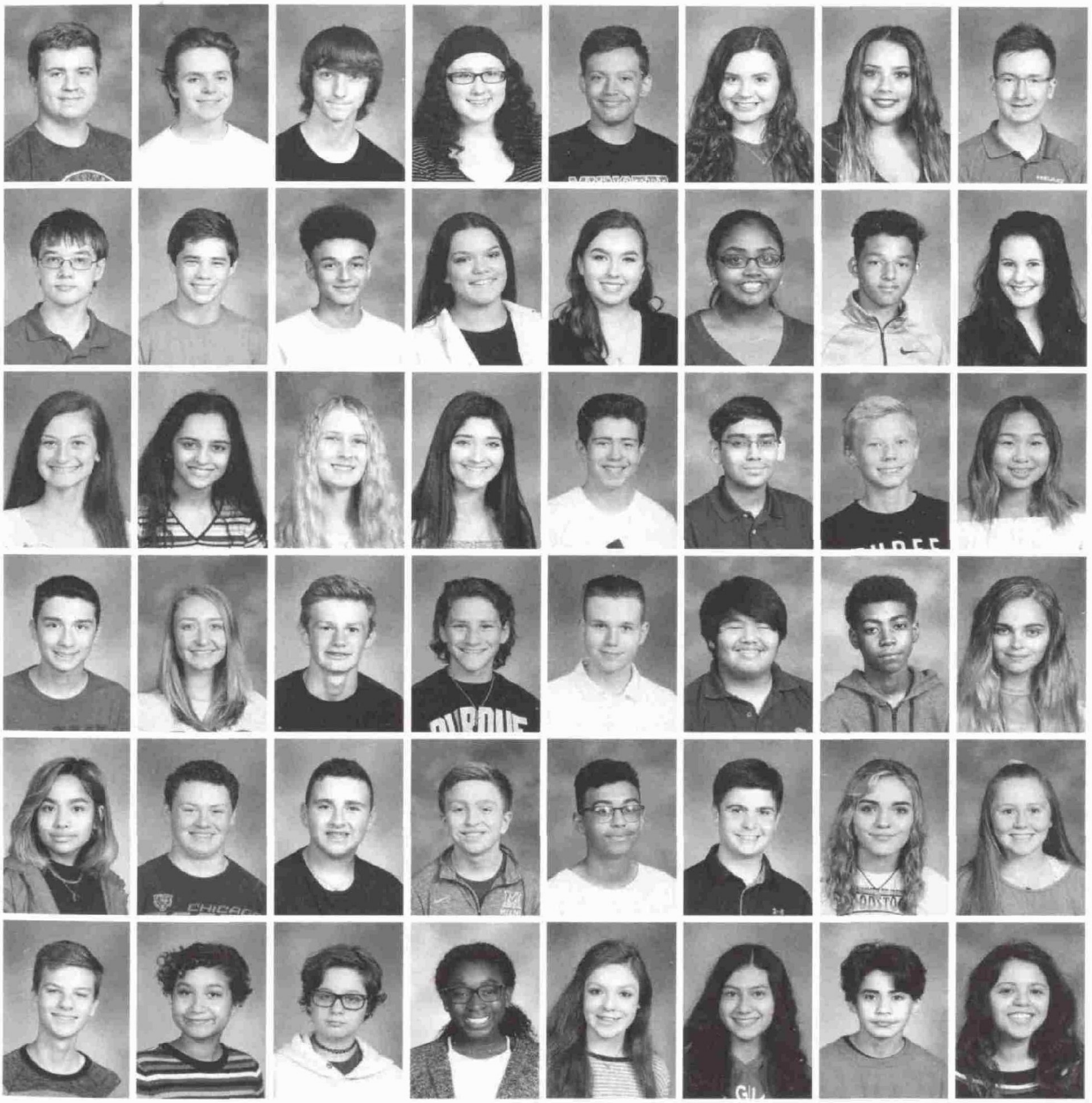


"In fourth grade, I witnessed Uyai Edet try to chop a social studies book in half. It was the best thing I've ever seen. She almost broke her hand." **Becky Jones, 10**

What makes you, you?

The thing that makes me who I am is the music that I listen to. My family finds music really important, and because of this we all share something through the music each of us listens to. My dad's taste in music has been imprinted on me ever since I was a kid driving in the car with him, listening to The Beatles. Music also allows me to connect to my mom because we go to concerts over the summer. My mom's favorite band, Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers, actually inspired my name. Most of the musicians that I listen to have influenced me in some way. John Lennon has influenced me to avoid violence and Kurt Cobain inspired me to pick up a guitar.

from me
Roger Fabian, 10



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Payton Campbell
Enrique Campos
Eliana Candelaria
Olivia Candelaria
Christopher Canul

Mark Caraher
Ethan Castillo
Cesar Castro
Marisa Chavez
Aubrey Chelich
Cynthia Chockalingam
Adrian Christian
Catherine Clements

Dori Clousing
Shivani Collur
Courtney Companik
Courtney Conroyd
David Cordova
Daniel Cornejo
Jacob Corner
Clarisa Cortez

Mason Cortopassi
Carina Crisan
Michael Cundiff
Lance Dabrowski
Lucas Dalla Costa
Jose Luis Gabri David
Jalen Davidson
Rachel Dawson

Ariana Dehoyos
Zachary Del Nagro
Jonathon Delis
Michael Dempsey
Curtis Dennis
Tyler Devenny
Natalia Djuraskovic
Jordan Duff

Jacob Dzurovcik
Morgan Echols
Jasmyn Eckhoff
Uyai-Abasi Edet
Brianna Egebrecht
Crystal Enriquez
Donovan Espinosa
Destiny Espinoza

"The only other black girl that I usually have classes with is Taylor Graham. She is spectacular." **Uyai Edet, 10**

Roger Fabian
Mahsa Farahani
Sophia Farias
Elise Fedrick
George Fischer
Owen Flaig
Avarie Flores
Anna Flynn

Megan Flynn
Vincent Foerster
Alice Foley
Andrew Forszt
Demetrios Fotopoulos
Savannah Frazier
Andrew Gajewski
Ariel Gallardo

Priscilla Gallardo
Jonathan Gallegos
Anay Gandhi
Julia Garcia
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Hector Gomez
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Aaron Gorny
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Cooper Grapenthien
Benjamin Greiner
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Tyler Groen
Devin Gronkiewicz
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Parkyr Guiton
Hunter Hamer
Dane Hamilton
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Kathryn Hemingway
Madison Henman
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Stephen Heritage
Claudia Hernandez
Ricky Hernandez

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Emma Herring
Joseph Hillegonds
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Grace Hoehl
Gabriel Hoekstra
Corbin Hoffman
Ian Horn

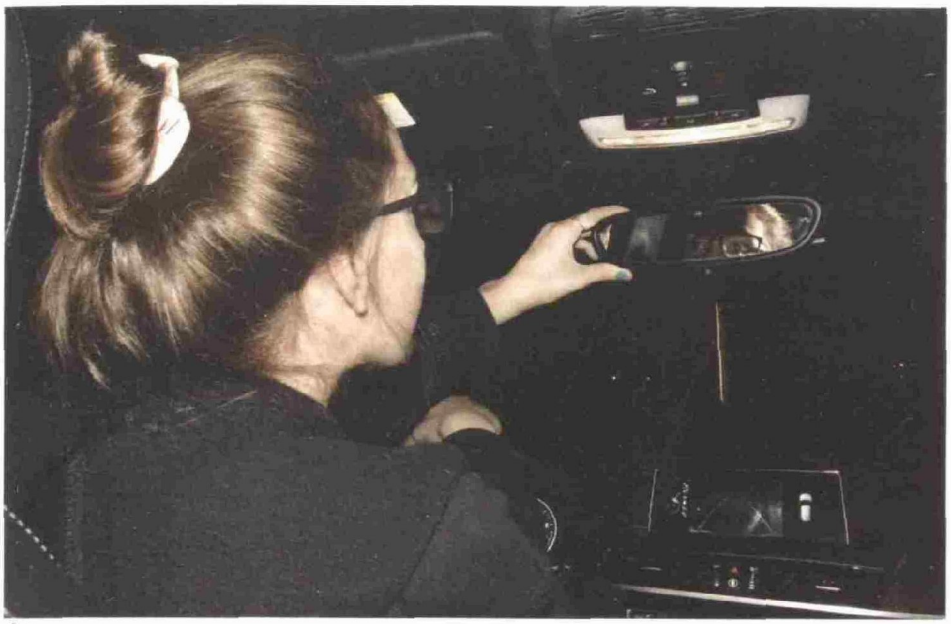
Gianna Hough
Francis Hovland
Kevin Hudson
Joanne Hwang
Ameer Igue
Waaniya Irfan
Jeneen Ishtawi
Shriya Iyer

Sean Johnson
Rebecca Jones
Holly Kaim
Rajiv Kalluri
Anastasia Kapustina
Keith Kaszycki
Abigail Kavanaugh
Carson Kekelik

"Waaniya (Irfan) and I go to brunch every other weekend." **Taylor Graham, 10**

from here to there

sophomores discuss their driving adventures

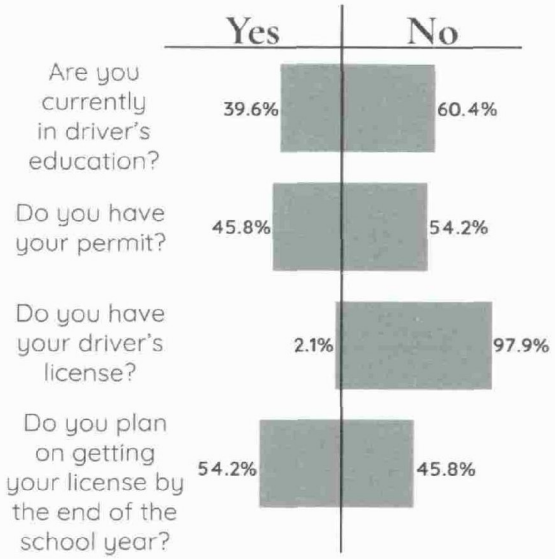


drive me crazy

Adjusting her rearview mirror, Lulu Torres, sophomore, prepares to drive. Lulu has driven for two years and practiced with her parents frequently. "The hardest part of driving for me was turning," Lulu said, "I always seemed to turn the wheel a little too late." Photo by Chloe Lambert

life in the fast lane

students and their driving abilities



Source: Paragon survey of 96 sophomores on Google Forms from Oct. 10-12

what was the best part of driving?

"I liked to be in control of the car and I liked going fast."
Emily Banaszek, 10

"The fact that I didn't have to depend on my parents for rides. They were very busy and I was able to take myself places."
Zachary Beerling, 10

"Nothing. I was really bad at driving and it scared me."
Maria Barron, 10

"I liked seeing the different cars on the road, and knowing that I am with them, driving."
Chris Canul, 10

Maya Kenny
Ubin Kim
Gavin Kinsella
Adalyn Klawitter
Nathan Knutson
Ethan Korwek
James Kotfer
James Krieg

Savannah Kunas
Aidan Kunka
Kevin Kvasnica
Max Ladd
Donovan Lambert
Krystal Landeros
Mathew Larrison
Karl Larson

Samuel Latinovich
Alyssa Lebron
Xavier Leech
Niko Lekic
Kayla Lewis
Mingrui Li
Asucena Lopez
Jeremiah Lovett

"Everyday at lunch, I sit next to Emma Phillips and she eats Scooby snacks." **Waainiya Irfan, 10**

Ava Lukacsek
Kortlynd Lukowski-Foss
Richard Ma
Jeremias Magana
Paul Maldonado
Molly Manion
Natalie Mansour
Nikolina Marceta

Blake Marcotte
Joseph Marcus
Maxwell Marich
Kaitlyn Martin
Chris Mathew
Michael McDunn
Todd McKechnie
Avery McKnight

Benjamin Mellon
Cayleb Mendoza
Alexander Meraz
Graham Mikrut
Zoey Miles
Tyler Miller
Connor Mitchell
Aleena Mongerie

Michael Morganelli
Genevieve Mrvan
Faith Muczynski
Grace Mulcrone
Nabeen Neupane
Aden Newsom-Taylor
Ashley Nita
Nana Nnuro-Frimpong

Stephanie Nossem
Claire Nowak
Rylee O'Mara
Kailyn Oganovich
Juan Olivencia-Duque
Christopher Olivieri
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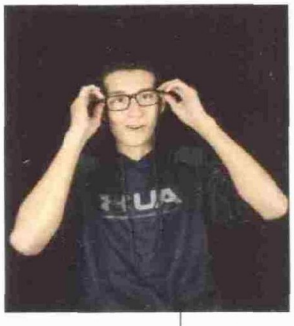


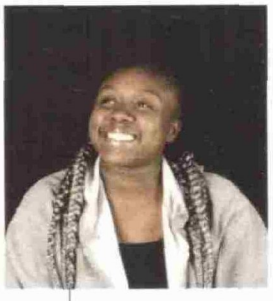
What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

My cousins and I were hanging out with some of the neighborhood kids. We walked to a nearby parking lot and started flying a remote control plane —which wasn't the best idea considering it was fairly windy out. As we were flying the plane, we lost control of it. It came swooping down and smacked my little cousin right in the face. It was hilarious in the moment, but it wasn't very funny later on when we had to explain to my aunt what happened.

from me
Mason Cortopassi, 10

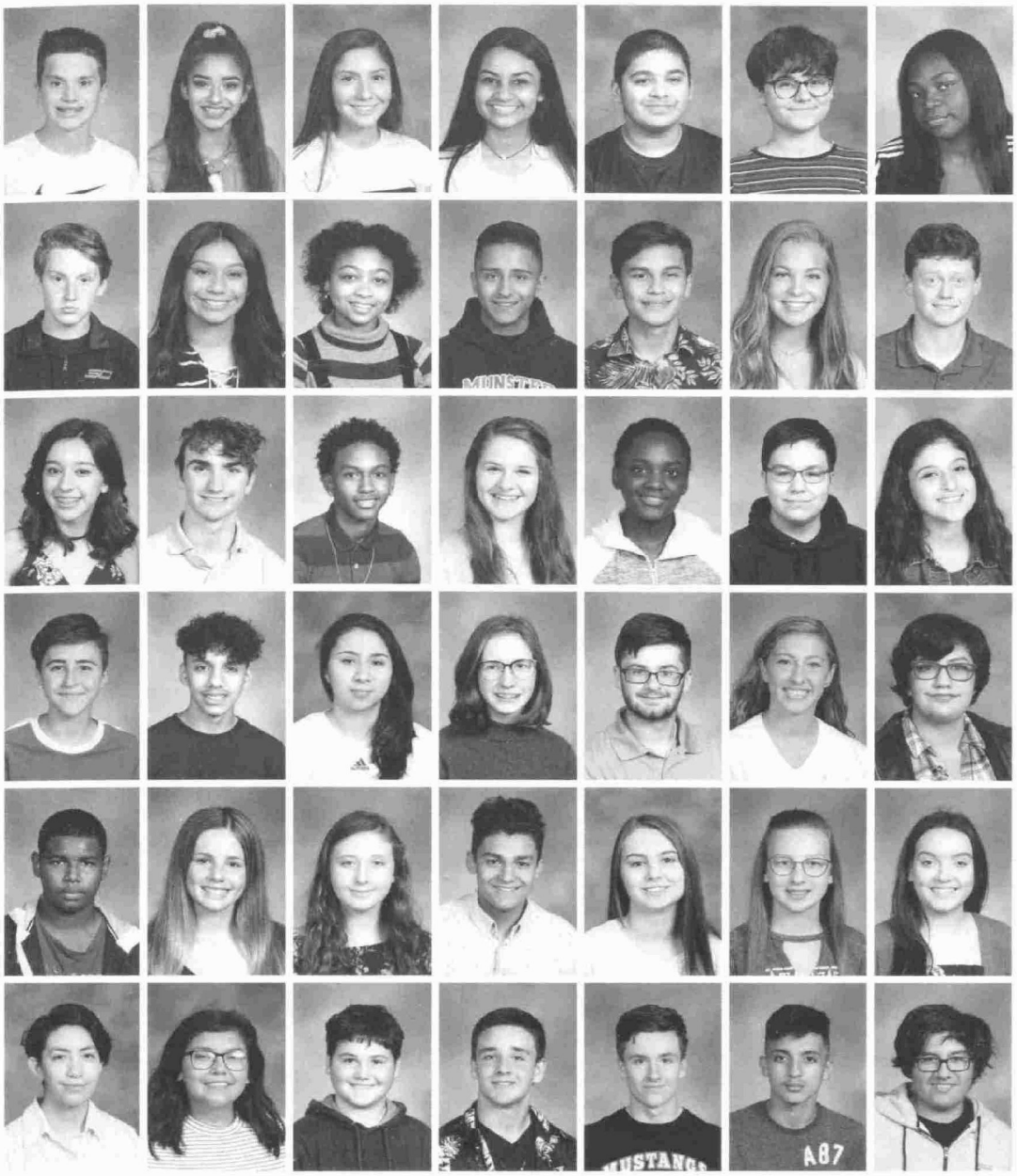
What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

My best friend and I wanted to go out to eat, but we didn't have any cash, so her mom collected coins and we took the jar with us to a restaurant. When we got there, we asked if they took coins and, surprisingly, they said yes. After we finished our food, we counted $20 in coins and the staff workers were laughing at us. It was so funny that we went back and did it again.



from me
Zahrya Grimes, 10

"One time Alice Foley forgot to wear shoes to school." Emma Phillips, 10



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Jigar Patel
Sofia Pavlic
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Brant Peloquin
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Nadia Perdue
Aaron Perez
Christopher Perez
Emma Phillips
Ethan Pierce

Lillian Plebanski
Noah Poole
Preston Powe
Emma Powell
Avery Pratt
Santino Presutti
Salma Prince

Ava Quasney
Caleb Quinones
Olivia Quinones
Regan Qunell
Vincent Qunell
Emily Rakich
Linda Ramirez

Zeke Rand
Kylie Reed
Sarah Resch
Tyler Reyna
Linda Riley
Melanie Riordan
Aubrey Rivera

Sophia Rivera
Isabel Rodriguez
Samuel Rodriguez
Ethan Roe
Wesley Roe
Bryan Rosales
Emilio Rosales

What makes you, you?

My friends have shaped me into the person I am. Every day, my friends teach me something new. They help me to grow as a person. Before I had met my friends, I was much more shy and my aesthetic sucked. My friends have helped me to come out of my shell and they've helped me to find who I really am. They encourage me to do the best that I can do, and they inspire me every day to be true to myself and to always love myself no matter what. I realize that every day I will grow as a person because I have them in my life.

from me
Ava Lukacsek, 10

"Last year, when Carson (Kekelik) and I were on the bus to go to South Bend for one of our soccer tournaments, we were sharing animal crackers, and the seniors made fun of us." **Alice Foley, 10**

Isaiah Rosinski
Danna Safi
Diana Saganeanu
Lana Salahieh
Hannah Salamanca
Eric Salazar
Sarah Sanchez

Srishti Sarkar
Dana Savarino
Bryce Schaum
Samantha Sellers
Safia Shad
Ananya Sharma
Carmani Shedrich

Ariel Shoriak
Emily Shu
Junaid Siddiqui
Surajpal Singh
Vanessa Situ
Sydney Skrobot
Jamail Smith

James Smith
Brett Soeka
Katelyn Sons
Athanasios Sotiropoulos
Tiara Sparks
Peyton Specht
Anna Speckhard

Selma Srour
Abigail Steffen
Eriana Stevens
Evan Stevens
James Stewart
Mackenzie Stricklin
Hailey Sullivan

Harper Swope
Andrew Tabaczynski
Daniel Tabaczynski
Benjamin Talley
Safaa Tarakey
Caeden Taylor
Mia Terek

Alexia Tirado
Caden Tomko
Andrew Torres
Lourdes Torres
Nadia Torres
Irene Tsakopoulos
Leonidas Tsirtsis

Cortney Tubbs
Dane Van Ghunt
Maureen Van Matre
Rachel Vanek
Reese Vanek
Mariah Vasquez
Cynthia Vazquez

Meagan Venema
Makaila Vinson
Caitlin Wallace
Aric White
Delaney White-Gonzalez
Derrick Wiening
Jaelyn Williams

"One time in third grade, Maureen (Van Matre) was at my house. I told her that she would look really good with bangs. The next thing you know she locked herself in my bathroom with a pair of scissors and she came out with one of the worst haircuts I had ever seen." **Carson Kekelik, 10**

hall of names

sophomores discuss the onomastics of their names

"My parents first wanted to name me Sundia, but when they decided I was going to live in America, they wanted to find a name that would be easy for anyone to pronounce. So they came up with the name Cynthia. It's a universal name and it means a lot to a lot of different cultures. No matter where I go, I have a place. In Greece, Cynthia is the Sun goddess. In Northern India, it is a royal name and it's just a really common name in in America. It's a name that my parents considered understandable for anyone."

Cynthia Chockalingam, 10

"My last name means wrinkled or crooked nose disease in Greek. 'Zaro' means wrinkled or crooked. 'Miti' means nose and 'itis' comes from the English term for a disease."

Niko Zaromitidis, 10

hunt for Van Ghunt

Reading in the Media Center, Dane Van Ghunt, sophomore, thinks about her name. Van Ghunt's name was created by her parents. "My mom and dad chose my two grandfathers' names," Dane said. "My parents combined their names to come up with mine." Photo by Chloe Lambert

the study or science of the origins and forms of proper names of people or places

Henry Williford
Noah Wilson
Xander Wilson
Najah Windham
Andrew Wittkamp
Evan Wittkamp
Brink Wolak

Elizabeth Woodward
Rayhan Zaman
Nikolaos Zaromitidis
Fenry Zhou
Kayla Ziel
Hannah Zukley
Clara Zuniga

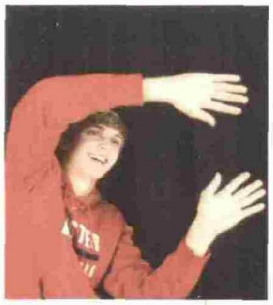
Hailey Zvonik

not pictured

Charles Davidson
Jacqueline Hernandez
Joseph Kobelansky
Owen Meyers
Kaitlyn Munoz
Gabriel Pedrick

"I introduced myself to Kylie Reed by asking her if she wanted to touch my pet cricket, which was in my pocket." **Maureen Van Matre, 10**

What makes you, you?



This year, the rest of the soccer team and I took down the Lake Central team in the second round of our Boys' Soccer Sectionals, ironically at Lake Central. By a score of 1-0, we took a win and a potential 16th straight sectional right out from under Lake Central's noses. It was nothing short of being something from a dream. You live for those moments, coming out as a hero after giving everything. Those boys are my family, and we went together to take down one of our biggest rivals in a major game. Every single situation like that helps me become more and more of who I am. That wasn't the first situation I've been in like that, and it certainly won't be the last. I've been on both the winning and losing sides of those kinds of games. It's a very humbling experience to take a step back and remember how it felt to be on the losing side. It helps teach me how to win with class and lose with grace, which is a big emphasis point in our team, and for me personally.

from me
Timothy Giannini, 11

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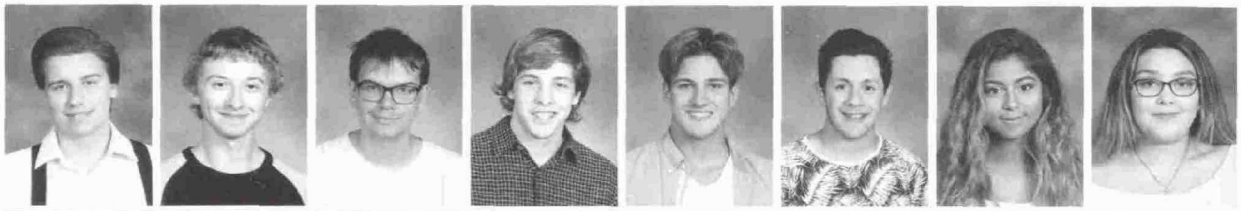
James Adams
Josef Adams
Kyle Adams
Grant Afman
Cristiaan Aguilar
Nayeli Alvarado
Isabel Alvarez



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Marco Amatulli
Justin Anderson
Bianca Andrzejewski
Alisandra Annunziata
Gillian Archer
Max Arnold
Elijah Atkins

Luke Aune
Diana Ayala
Christopher Badali
Emily Badynski
Nicole Baginski
Maya Baker
Jayda Banks
Lucas Barath

Maxwell Barath
Jacobus Barnard
Kyle Basile
Alyssa Bass
David Bastos
Joshua Batur
Amanda Beaudouin
Gillian Bedenk

Jason Bensema
Steven Biegel
Benjamin Blaesing
Maria Blaesing
Faith Blair
Riley Boudreau
Emma Bowers
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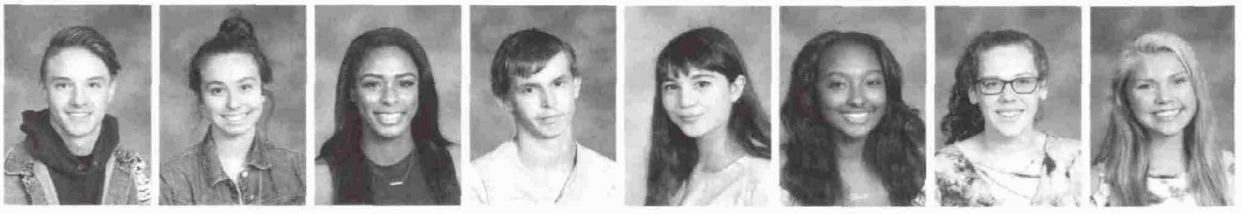
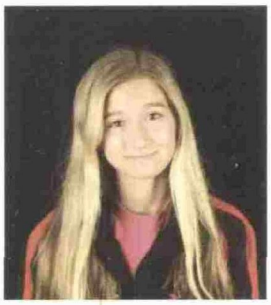


"Kaitlyn Oganovich and I had a joint fourteenth birthday party at the Munster Social Center and it was really fun." **Kylie Reed, 10**

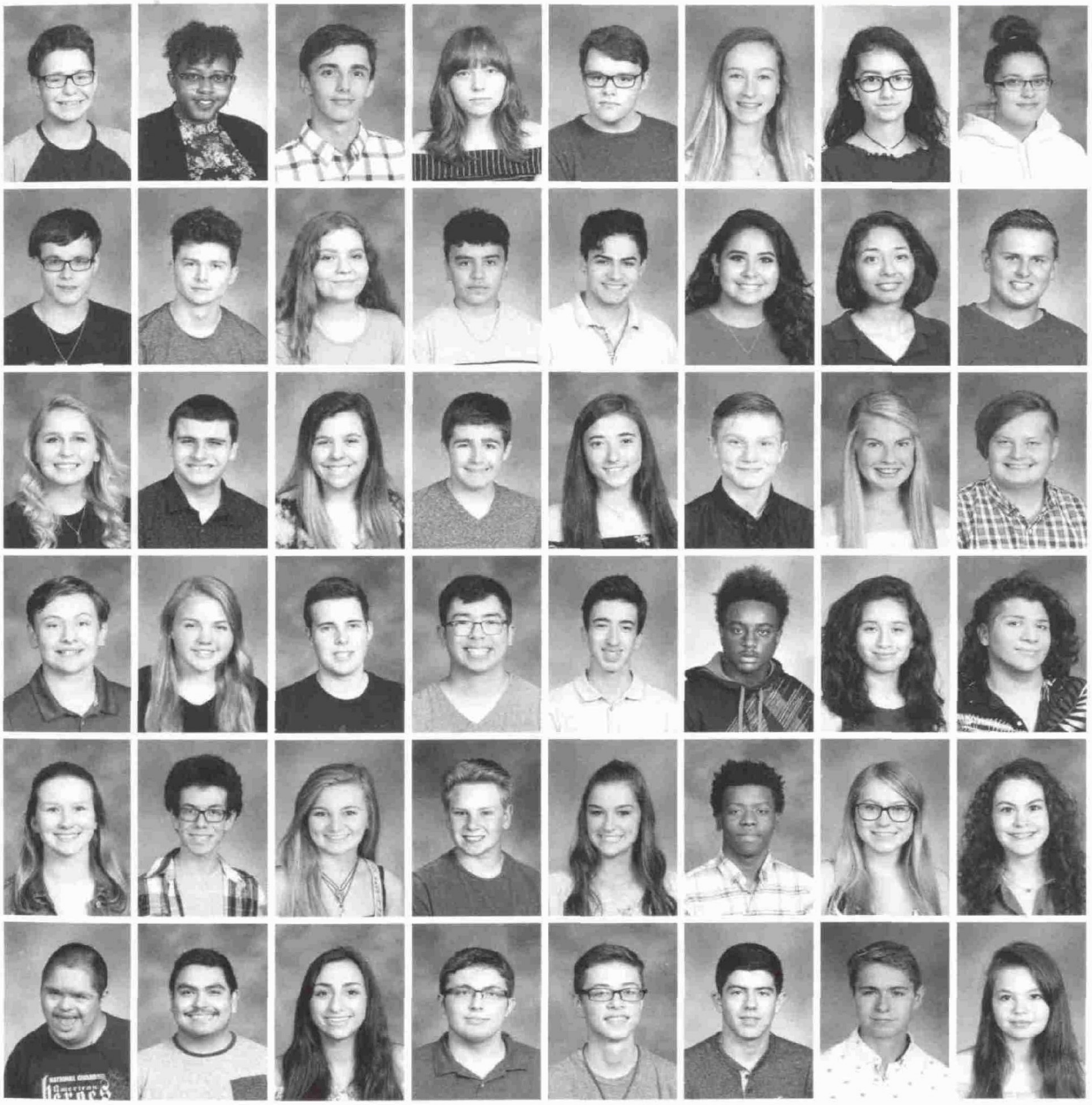
from me

What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you?



The worst thing that has ever happened to me was my mom getting elected to the school board. Don't get me wrong, I am incredibly proud of everything she has helped accomplish for our schools. I just never realized how cruel the people could be during elections. I don't think I can ever forget the things that people said about my mom and my family. I've never had any teachers give me a hard time, but I've definitely had peers who have tried to devalue my accomplishments because of my mom's position. Since sixth grade when she first joined, I have always felt like I have to work ten times harder just to prove to myself, and everyone else, that I make my own accomplishments. There is also a selfish part of me that didn't want her to run again this year. But when it came down to it, I was one voice against hundreds who wanted her to. Sometimes it's hard sharing your mom with all of the other kids in the School Town of Munster.

from me
Emma Higgason, 11



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Zoe Burnett
Joseph Burns
Maddison Butler
Maguire Butler
Maryelizabeth Calgaro
Stephany Camacho
Paige Caminker

Brandan Campbell
Steven Campbell
Lorena Campos
Fabian Carlos
Xander Carrillo
Annalicia Carrillo-Luna
Ariana Casas
Matthew Certa

Caroline Chael
Michael Chamberlain
Melina Chioros
Aidan Chism
Olivia Choros
Cooper Christiansen
Stephanie Cipowski-Smith
Gavin Clark

Mason Clark
Mollie Clark
Daniel Clements
David Cohen
Fotios Collaros
Dj Cooper
Natalia Coronel-Espinal
Matthew Cortez

Shannon Coughlin
John Cronin
Ava Cundiff
Adam Daniels
Emily Dato
Joshua Davis
Melody Deering
Jamie Dejoan

Giovanni Del Real
Jonathan Del Real
Maria Delis
Edward Demars
Aaron Diaz
Roberto Diaz
Nolan Dicarlo
Skyler Dickeson

"In eigth grade, Sophia Farias and I made Mr. Ridgley a cake." **Kailyn Oganovich, 10**

George Dimopoulos
Benjamin Dodge
Jason Donovan
Michael Dywan
Emily Eisha
Alayna Eismin
Nicholas Eng
Noah Escamilla

Erynn Escobedo
Ruben Espinosa
Trinity Espinosa
Fernando Estrada
Alisha Evans
Kemper Fane
Noel Fary
Mira Fefferman

Donald Fesko
Anya Fitzpatrick
Anne Marie Foreit
Joshua Foreit
Jalenn Fortier
Hannah Foster
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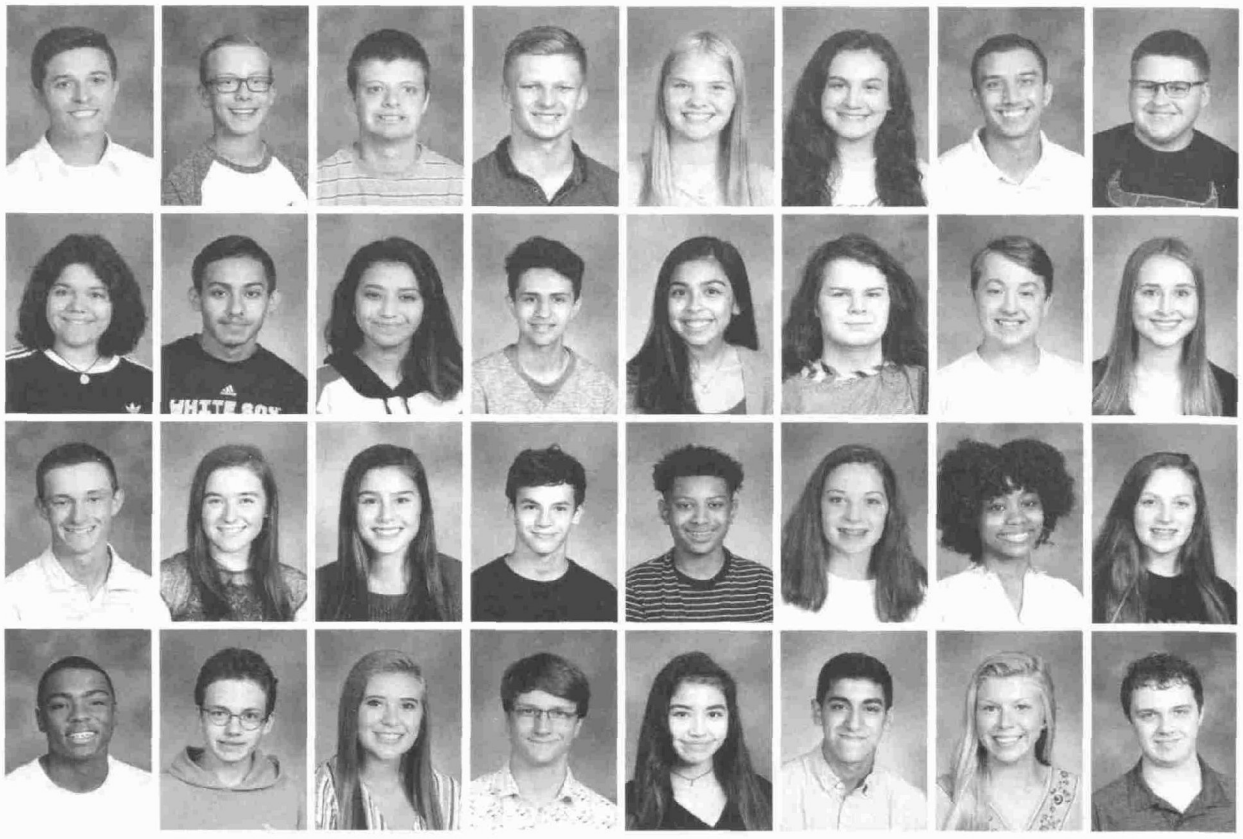
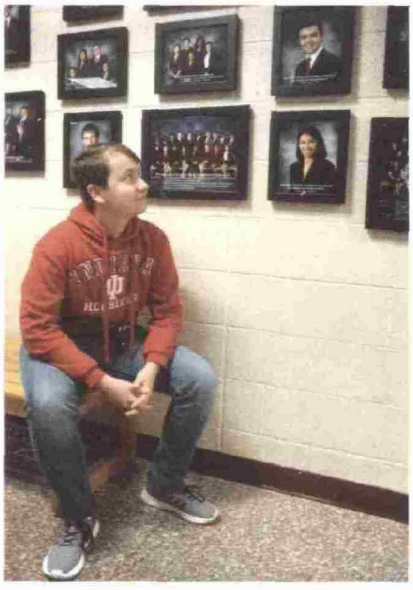


from then to now

When four siblings go through the same school, the youngest one can have a lot to live up to



through the years

Perched on a bench in the commons, Noel Fary, junior, looks up at a photo of his older brother, Christian, '13. Christian inspired Noel to do many of the extracurriculars that he does now. "Hopefully as high school goes on, I would be able to achieve as much as my brother did," Noel said. "Not because I felt like I needed to beat him, but because I wanted him to be as proud of me as I was of him." Photo by Elizabeth Fontanilla

Noel Fary

Do you have any older siblings?

Yes, an older brother (Christian, '13) and two older sisters (Bess, '14 and Camryn, '16).

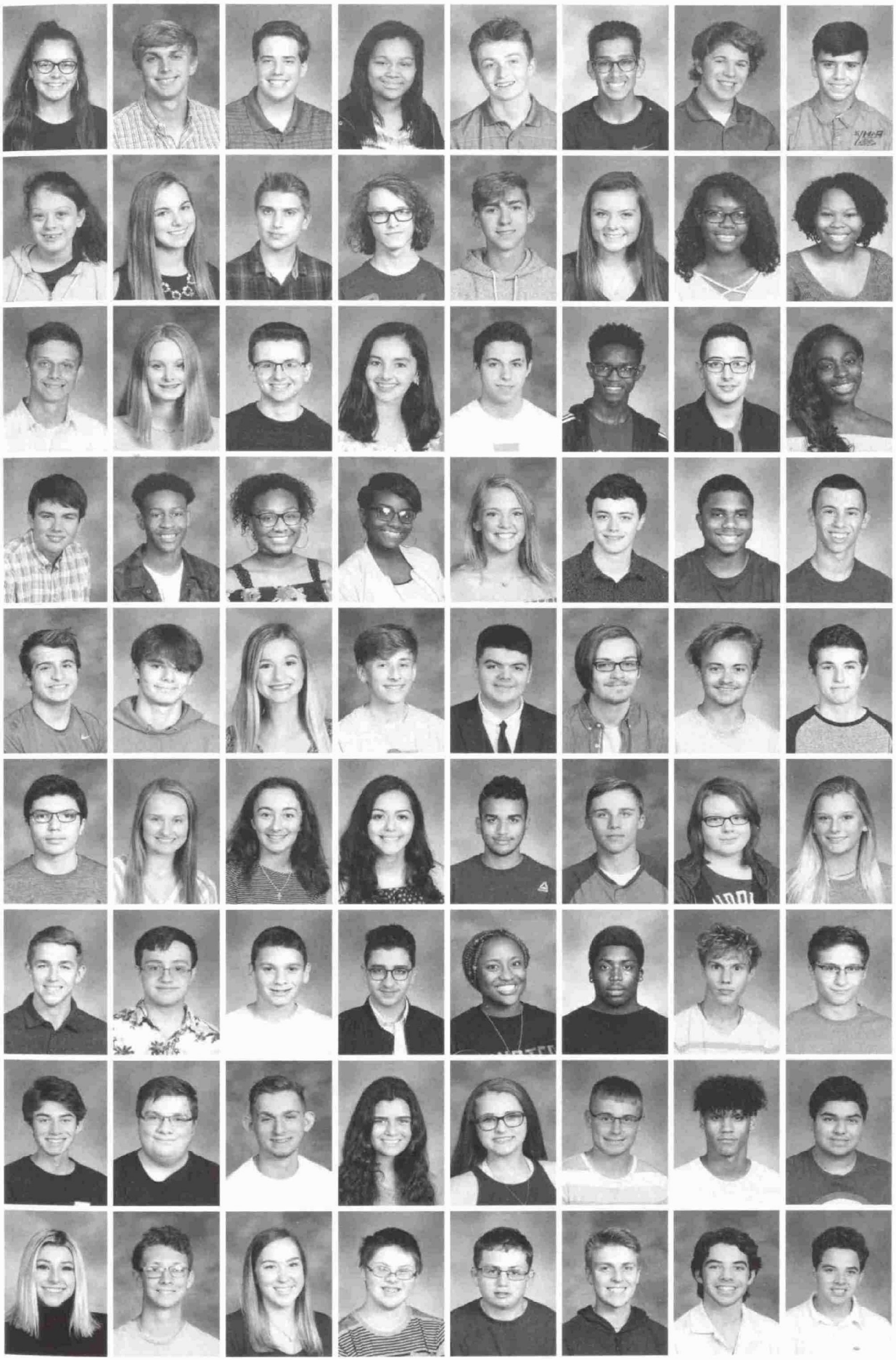
What activities do you do that your siblings did?

Speech, theater, and choir

What sort of expectations did your older siblings leave for you coming into high school?

Growing up, I watched Christan succeed a lot in high school. In 2012, he won nationals in Speech in Prose. During his sophomore year he made Chorale, and he was the lead in many plays here. So going into high school, I didn't feel he was my rival, but I felt like it was my duty to live up to the expectations he set for me. I wanted to succeed, just like he had. So I took it upon myself to make speech, theater and choir all my priorities.

"Sydney Skrobot and I were taking pictures in a restaurant and then we accidentally air dropped our pictures to this random guy who was sitting next to us." **Sophia Farias, 10**



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Zachary Grabelle
Bradley Gregson
Caleb Grennan
Madilyn Griegel
Kayla Gruber
Jaelyn Guiton

Brenden Guthrie
Elizabeth Hanas
Benjamin Hand
Sophie Hand
Riley Harris
Jayden Harvey
Salaheldean Hassan
Trinitee Hassan

Robert Hawk
Deven Hawkins
Camryn Hayes
Jorianna Hazel
Grace Helmer
Jeffrey Hemmelgarn
Amir Henderson
Luke Hermansen

Nicolas Hernandez
Ty Hesterman
Emma Higgason
Charles Hofferth
Michael Holvey
Nikolai Hoogewerf
Shane Hoogewerf
William Hoop

Nicholas Ibarra
Clarissa Iwachiw
Mirela Jeknic
Dayanara Jimenez
Bradley Jimenez Medina
Justin Joens
Amanda Jonquet
Lindsey Katalinic

Paul Katona
Timothy Kaufman
Kyle Kaufmann
Abdulaziz Kehail
Imani Kemp
Kimani Kemp
Eric King
Tyler Kisala

Adam Klaich
Alex Kojich
Creighton Kooy
Layna Kounelis
Madeline Kozy
Tyler Krucina
Daniel Kruse
Krishna Lakshmanamurthy

Chloe Lambert
Samuel Lash
Lillian Lemke
Phillip Lemke
Alexander Lesinski
Cole Lesinski
Ethan Lieser
Evan Lieser

"Once Taylor Olmsted and I snuck two large B-dubs wings into the movie theater." **Sydney Skrobot, 10**

Alexis Lindenmayer
Leonard Linn
Antonia Linnane
Myles Lockett-Peterson
Daniel Magana
Valeria Magana
Emily Malave
Robert Maldonado

Victor Mancha
Juwan Mann
Ilija Manojlovic
Andrew Manous
Serena Marsh
Keith Martin
Delaney McGinty
Caleb McKeever

Antonio Medina
Alyssa Meegan
Hope Meierkort
William Melby
Israel Melendez
Oliver Meraz
Jeremiah Merlos
Ronan Meyer

Melinda Michalski
Camille Miles
Dimitrios Miles
Haley Mize-Block
Adam Mohrs
Anthony Montella
Esperanza Moreno
Lenore Moreno

Lauren Morris
Sami Muhrez
Maysa Musleh
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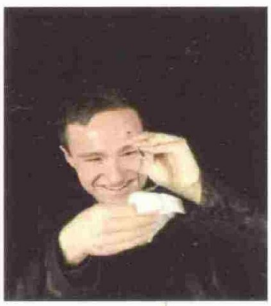

What makes you, you?

What makes me, me is simple. I always say the first thing that comes to my mind. This, to the surprise of a lot of my friends, has only gotten me one detention. Even I'm surprised it's only one, but who am I to complain? Besides, I've managed to calm down from my sophomore days of balloon popping and pizza roll making. Oh, I'm also incompetent in a comical way. I mess up the simplest tasks that I've done a million times already. That being said, I have a very high IQ because I only watch Rick and Morty.

from me
Timothy Kaufman, 11

"One Fourth of July, Halle Asplund and I went to a party that my parents were invited to. Halle had a cast on her foot. We decided to tell everyone that she went to a kickboxing competition, and fell in the shower and broke her foot. This one man was yelling at us for about ten minutes, because we lied to him." **Taylor Olmsted, 10**

Jackson O'Dea
Sean O'Rourke
Zoe O'Shaughnessy
Alia Odrallah
Hazem Ojel
Brendan Olson
Angela Ortega

Ann Ostojic
Jude Ouyuon
Kenil Pachani
Kristina Pamucar
Giovanni Paniagua
Ronav Panigrahi
Mianna Papageorge

Lola Fay Papanikolaou
Leah Patterson
Brianna Pazdur
Iris Peck
Kaela Percak
Chase Persic
Michael Peters

Arial Petersen
Katarina Petrovic
Arianna Pina
Sophia Porter
Christian Portone
Cole Portone
Emme Poulston

Payton Poulston
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Claire Powell
Patricia Proctor
Vitaliy Prots
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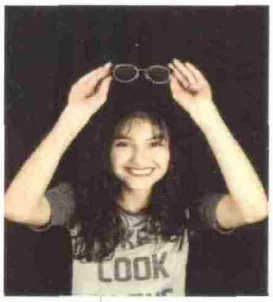
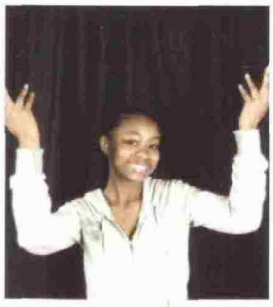
What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?



The best thing that has ever happened to me was my quinceañera. It was the culmination of everything I had hoped to become in my first 15 years of life, as well as a celebration of my Mexican culture. I was showered with attention in a massive, turquoise dress—what else can a girl ask for?

from me
Diana Ayala, 11



What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?

One of the best things that has happened to me would probably be my little sister being born. She makes me so happy and I wouldn't trade her for the world. I can't wait till she gets older, so I can teach her different things and so she can learn from all the mistakes that I have made. We already have a very close bond; her little face gets excited to see me when I walk into the room. She's getting bigger now and we are having more fun, day by day. I love her with all my heart.

from me
Ke-nyah Foster, 11

"Clara Zuniga and I took an early train to the city. Afterwards we couldn't get a taxi to get to Grant Park. We were stranded in Chicago for two hours. Eventually we found our way to Lolla." **Halle Asplund, 10**

William Rojas
Yalissa Rubio
Abbey Ruckert
Daisy Ruiz
Delilah Salazar
Saranya Sanaka
Isabella Scalzo
Mina Schuler

Oliver Segvich
Kristin Sell
Daniel Senisais
Kaleb Sepanski
Esther Serna-Ballin
Safoora Shad
Ami Shah
Madelyn Sharp

James Shelton
Jorja Shelton
Rimsha Siddiqui
Mehak Sidhu
Presley Simpson
Erianna Sims
Costa Sirounis
Henry Sklar

Lauren Slavo
Aidan Smith
Amari Smith
Christopher Smith
Ava Sopcic
Kristina Sosic
Uriel Soto
John Stanko

Jack Stork
Carli Strbiak
Emma Stricker
John Sullivan
Michael Svolos
Andrew Synko
Shalini Tallamraju
Haley Tate

Robert Tengdin
Clara Terry
Srija Thipirneni
Garrett Tienstra
Lucy Torres
Milena Trivunovic
Isabella Trull
Mia Tumacder

Tyler Tyson
Alyssa Valadez
Michael Van Deursen
Skylar Van Ermen
Samantha Vandergriff
Ariel Velasco
Gina Vellutini
Kathir Venkat

Kya Vesa
Emilia Vezmar
Vanessa Villarreal
Collin Vukadinovich
Anthony Wallace
Casey Wallace
Laila Wallace
Mitchell Walsh

Courtney Warner
Joseph Webster
Jonathan Wesley
Drew Westland
Chadwick Weston
Jacob Whitaker
Daija Williams
Mercedez Williams

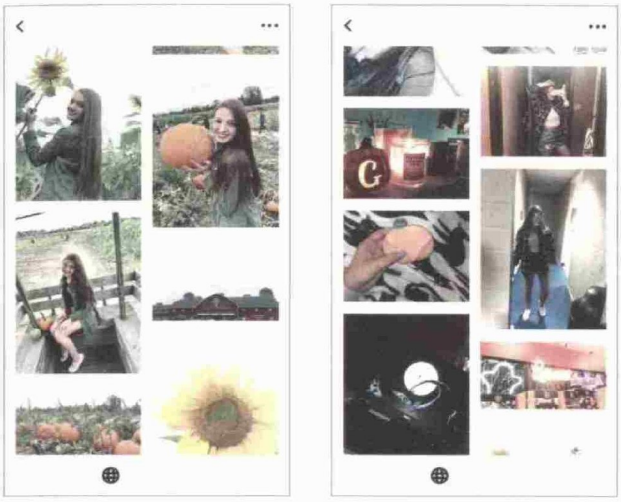
"In seventh grade, Abby Kavanaugh decided to push Maya Baker into the deep end of a pool. Maya couldn't swim and she started drowning. Taylor Graham decided to try and save her but she also couldn't swim. Eventually Emily Rakich jumped in and saved Maya." **Clara Zuniga, 10**

from lens to screen

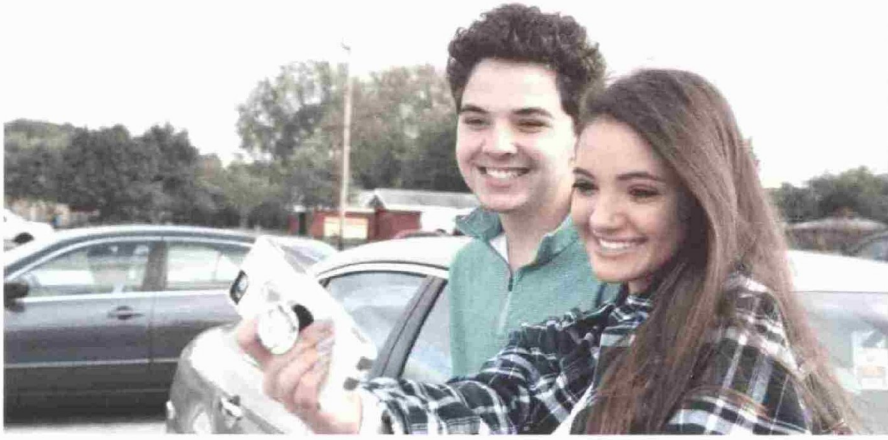
Gina Vellutini, junior, talks about VSCO and why she uses it over other photo apps

"It was a place to put pictures that you wouldn't put on Instagram. If you took pictures of landscapes or anything like that, I thought [VSCO] was a better way to express yourself better. I thought overall, it's just more creative and a better platform."

Gina Vellutini, 11



screenshots of Gina Vellutini's VSCO page



oh snap

Taking a picture for her VSCO account, Gina Vellutini and Evan Lieser, juniors, stand in the parking lot. The two took pictures together for her account quite often. "I liked it better personally than like Instagram, because it wasn't about followers or likes, because you couldn't really see what people were following or liking," Gina said. Photo by Cade Lambert

What is something you share with your friends?

"I shared all my clothes with my sister, Grace (Roberts, 9). She wore my skirt for her birthday."
April Roberts, 11

"Kari (Nero, 11) and I shared shoes, jeans, our lockers. We shared a lot."
Kiari Nero, 11

"We shared precious breathing space, which is stupid. We should have fough for it. Long live Darwinism."
Martin Barnard, 11

"I shared my drum sticks with Kiari (Nero, 11); we played the drums at our church."
Kari Nero, 11

Ashley Wills
Hazel Wolf
Isabella Wolski
Lily Yalowitz
Adamari Yepez
Robert Young
Emily Zabrecky
Autumn Zager

Evan Zukley

not pictured

Serena Alamillo
Sabrin Andrade
Christian Carter
Patricia Castro
Isaiah McCriston
Kayley Rowe
Andrew Sagala
Joshua Zatorski

"At every football and basketball game I scream 'Megan Flynn' She sees me and puts up a heart. I love her." **Emily Rokich, 10**

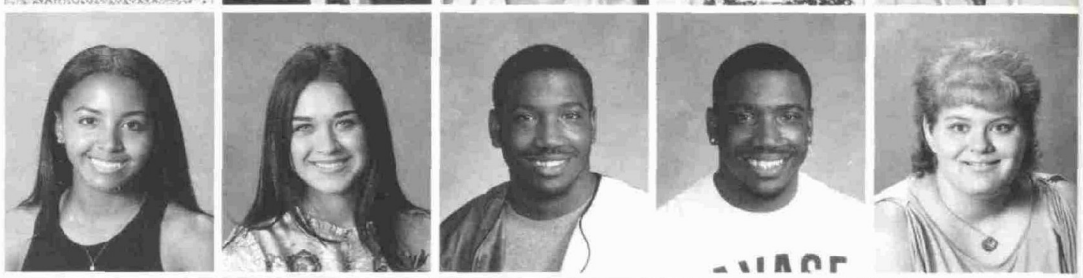
What is the most important thing that has ever happened to you?

The most important thing that has happened to me is getting a job at Landheim in Dyer, Indiana. At my job, I work with and train police dogs. I really enjoy doing this because it brings me happiness and contributes to my future career of being a veterinarian. I can never be in a bad mood when I go to work; the dogs always find a way to put me in a good mood. Currently we have 50 dogs, and we plan to expand our building within the next few years. This job has taught me many new and exciting things, and also showed me how to handle animals better. I hope to continue working at Landheim and even continue to work while I am in college studying to be a vet.

from me
Alyssa Winterhaler, 12

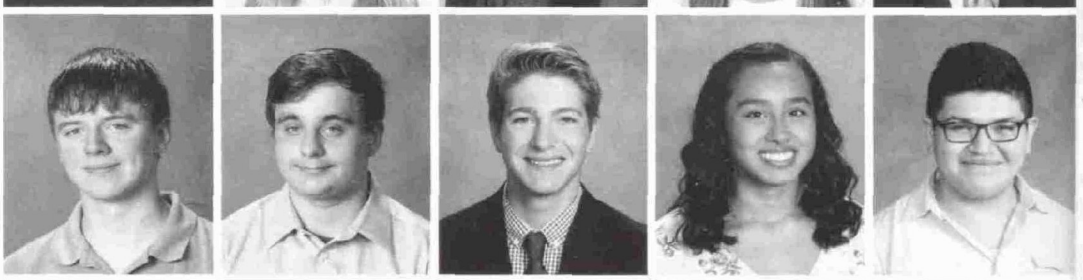
Anuoluwapo Abioye: Track 9-12; Cross Country (Captain 12); Spanish Club 9-12; DECA 12; NHS 12
Sean Adams
Miah Albritton: Speech & Debate 9; Cheerleading 9-10; DECA 10-12, Project X 12; Spanish Club 9-12; SADD 10-12; CEC 11-12; Link Crew 12; ASL Club 12; French Club 12; Art Club 12
Angela Alexiou: ASL Club 9; Softball 9; Police Explorer 9-12; Athletic Trainer 9-10; MTC 11-12
Samir Ali

Leah Alicea: Track 9-11; DECA 11; Orchestra 9-12; CEC 12
Adeline Andello
Toriq Andrews
Tyriq Andrews
Megan Angotti



Alejandro Arce
Sara Arndt: Creative Writing 9; DECA 10-11; French Club 9-12; MTC 9-12; Chorale 10-12; SONG 11-12; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12
Anukriti Arora : Chorale 9-12; SONG 10-12; DECA 9-11; Link Crew 11-12; MTC 9; NHS 11-12
Alina Arzumanian: DECA 9; Project X 9-11; Track 9-10; Dance 9-12; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12
Rafael Ascencio

James Ashcraft
Brian Augustynski
Jeffrey Ballard
Samantha Barraza
Felix Barrera

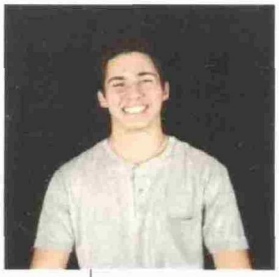


Jaedon Barrientez
Amani Batarseh
Audrey Beck: Swimming 9-12; HOSA 10-11; ASL Club 11; GSA 11
Sophia Becker-Toro: Dance 12, Best Buddies 12
Isabelle Bednarowski: Volleyball 9, Basketball 9-12, Golf 10-12, SADD 11-12, Habitat for Humanity 9, Lacrosse 10-12, DECA 12, ASL Club 10-11

"On the Fourth of July this year, I went to my friend Addy Klawitter's house and our friend Maria Delis came along too. We got fireworks from Walmart and they were very anticlimactic but it was really funny because one of them fell over and started coming at us. We also had these smoke bombs. We lit one and then we started coughing and couldn't breathe." **Megan Flynn, 10**

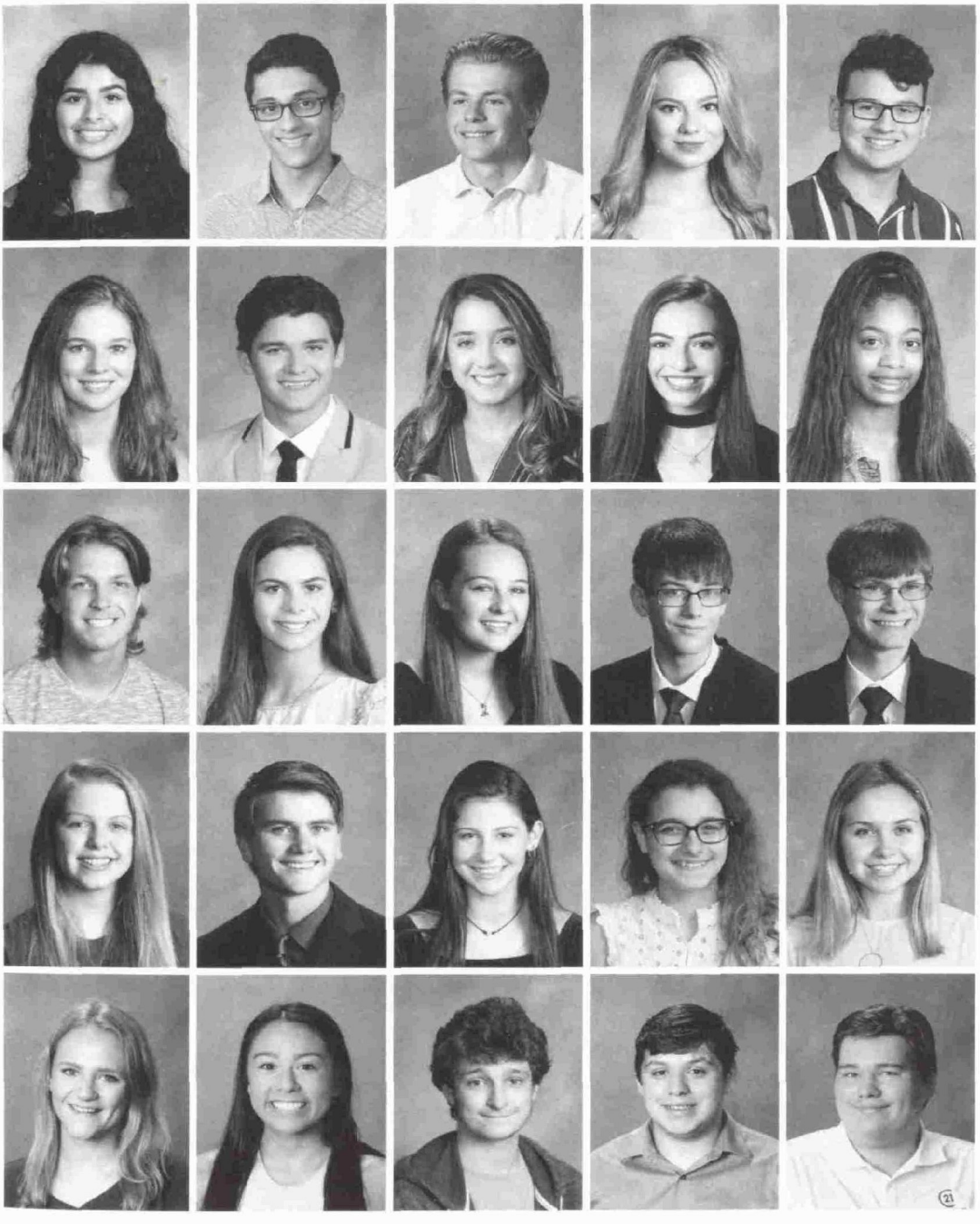
from me

What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you?



I unfortunately was involved in a car accident this past summer. The accident happened on June 7 at 11:23 a.m. I did not pay attention to the road and glanced at my phone for a split second. That split second caused me to attempt to swerve, and I collided with a car. As the two sides met, my car began to tilt to my left. Before the accident, I was only cautious to other uncontrollable factors, instead of taking into account myself. The accident has given me a greater understanding for preparation and thinking ahead before acting.

from me
Nathan Karnezis, 12



Desiree Bedolla
Joseph Bellaheen: Creative Writing 9 (Secretary); Cross Country 9; Crier 10 (Business Manager); Spanish Club 9-12 (PR Manager 11-12); NHS (11-12); MTC 9-12 (Historian 10, First VP 11, President 12)
Michael Biel
Nicole Biestek
Brendan Bleza

Katherine Bobb: Color Guard 9-12; Winter Guard 9-10
Anthony Bohling
Brisa Bohling
Moira Boyle: Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 12); Track 9-12; NHS 12; CEC 10-12; Project X 9-10; Best Buddies 10; Link Crew 11; DECA 12
Brielle Bradley

Dylan Brann
Miryam Brody: Crier 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief 12); Speech & Debate 9-12; Civics Club 11-12; DECA 11-12; Student Government 9-10, 12; NHS 11-12; Softball 9-10
Bailey Broelmann: Cheerleading 9-12; ASL Club 11-12 (VP 12); SAC 12
Griffin Broviak: Ping Pong Club 9-10; Robotics 9; Science Olympiad 10-12; T.E.A.M.S. 11-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12
Maverick Broviak: Ping Pong Club 9-10; Robotics 9; Science Olympiad 10-12; T.E.A.M.S 11-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12
Kara Bryant: French Club 9-12; ASL Club 11-12; SADD 10-11; Link Crew 11-12; Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; NHS 11-12
Mitchell Buffano: Cross Country 9-12; Swimming 9-10; Baseball 9-10; Track 11-12; Choir 9-12
Isabella Buono
Abigail Burris: French Club 9-12; Paragon 10-11; Cheerleading 10
Deven Burse: DECA 11-12; SADD 11; Swimming 9-11; Lacrosse 11-12; CEC 11

Christina Burzynski: Chorale 10-12; SONG 11-12; MTC 9-12 (PR 12); Speech 9-10
Corina Cabrales
Caleb Cala
Nicolas Calderon: Band 9-12; Wrestling 9-10; Project X 11; Jazz Band 11-12; Creative Writing 12
Nicholas Calgaro

"In seventh grade, we threw Peyton Spect a surprise birthday party." **Addy Klawitter, 10**

Carlo Candelaria: Spanish Club 11-12; GSA 11-12; Swimming 9-12
Alexia Ceja
Gregory Charles
Kevin Chinnam
Dimitri Chioros

Nicole Choros: Project X 9-12; DECA 10-12; SADD 9-12; Spanish Club 11-12; French Club 11-12; STAND11-12; GSA 11-12
Alicia Chudziak: Chorale 10-12; CEC 9-11; ASL Club 9-10; Track 10-12
Nicholas Cieslak
Anastasia Cipowski-Smith: NHS 11-12; Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-10; DECA 11-12; Track 9-12; HOSA 11; Paragon 10, 12
Alexzander Clark

Jonah Clark: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Track 9-12; Best Buddies 11-12
Kennedy Clark
Kennedy Clayton
Jordyn Coffee
Kelly Collins: Color Guard 9; Winter Guard 9; MTC 9-12 (Second VP 11, First VP 12); Speech & Debate 10-11; Chorale 10-12; SONG 10-12

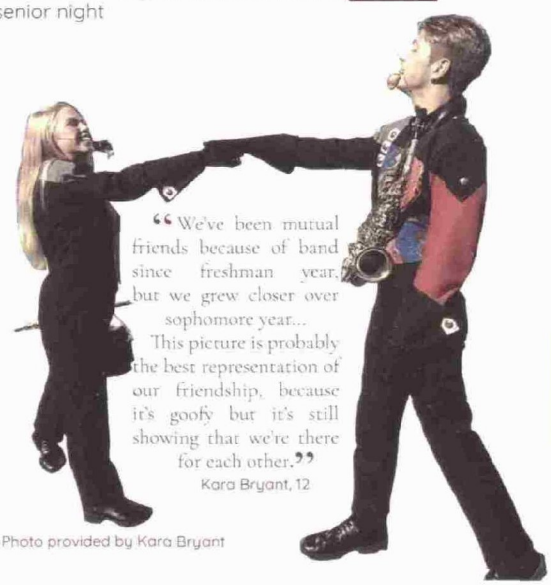
Mikayla Collins: Basketball 9-11; Track 10; Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 12
Erin Crawford
Maggie Curtin: Volleyball 9-10
Jill Cuvala: Spanish Club 9-12; ASL Club 11; Link Crew 11-12; Project X 9-12; Dance 9-12 (Captain 12); SADD 11; Civics Club 11
Leila Damianos

from freshmen to seniors

Senior night for band is a night to remember

friends to family

seniors Kara Bryant and Jeff Ballard celebrate senior night



"We've been mutual friends because of band since freshman year, but we grew closer over sophomore year... This picture is probably the best representation of our friendship, because it's goofy but it's still showing that we're there for each other."
Kara Bryant, 12

Photo provided by Kara Bryant

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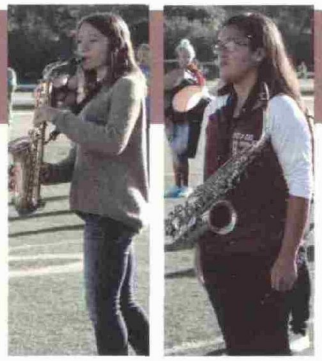
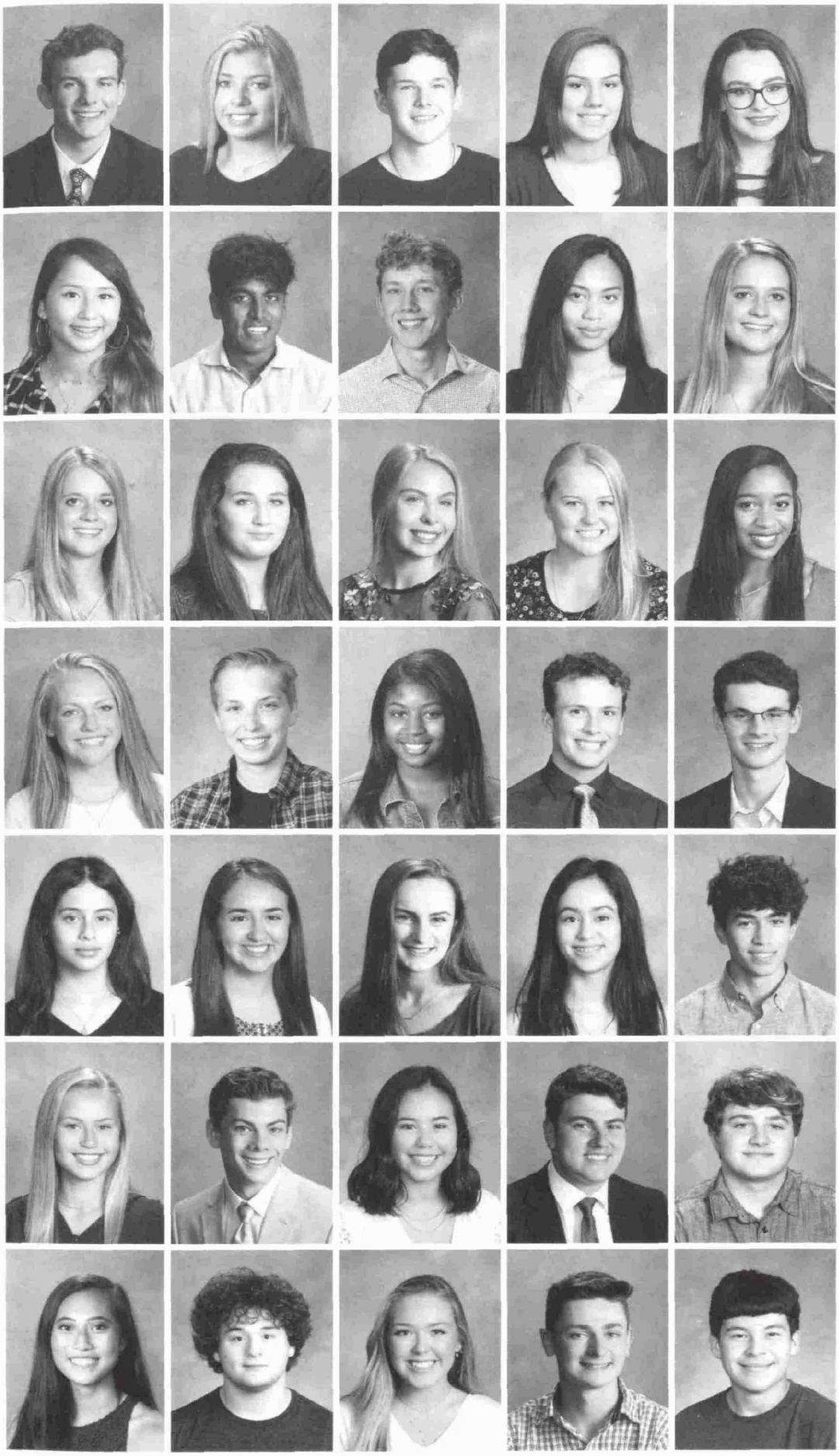


from learning to mastering During their freshman year, Emma Stevens and Erin Crawford, now seniors, focus on rehearsal during first hour. Photo provided by Paragon

now

friends four years Sharing a laugh together, Emma Stevens and Erin Crawford, seniors, get ready to play the National Anthem and think back on their years together. "Honestly I have so many memories," Emma said "[The best one is] probably bus rides with my best friends and all of the inside jokes that we had."
Photo by Sean O'Rourke

"In seventh grade, a group of my friends and Dori Clousing bought me a Snapchat filter for my birthday." **Peyton Spect, 10**



Luke Davidson
Megan Dedelow: Tennis 9; Lacrosse 10-12 (Captain 10-12); Basketball 9-10; Link Crew 11-12; Project X 9-12 (President 12); DECA 10-12; HOSA 11-12; CEC 10-12; NHS 11-12
Hunter Delgado
Melana Djuraskovic: Paragon 10; Track & Field 10; Project X 10
Natalie Doell

Nicole Dominguez: Color Guard 10-11, HOSA 10-11, French Club 9-10, Art Club 9
Nicholas Dorai: Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-11; DECA 10-12; Speech & Debate 9-11
Luke Dragicevich: Golf 9-12; Debate 11; DECA 12; Project X 12
Keren Duran
Bella Dyrhaug-Balling

Brenna Dyrhaug-Balling
Sarah Eden
Emilee Eggebrecht: Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 9-11; Habitat for Humanity 10; Lacrosse 10-12 (Captain 11-12); Volleyball 9-11 (Captain 9); NHS 11-12
Dayton Elliott
Zaria Ellis

Faith Eriks: Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Project X 9-12; CEC 10-12; Link Crew 11-12; French Club 9; DECA 12
Madison Erke
Olivia Everette
Scott Farmer
Nicholas Fies

Samantha Flatt: Robotics 10; Spanish Club 11-12; GSA 11; STAND 11
Alexis Flores: Swimming 9-10,12; Civics Club 11-12; ASL Club 11-12; CEC 11-12; NHS 11-12
Katharine Foley
Elizabeth Fonseca: Project X 9-10; CEC 10-12; Link Crew 11-12; Spanish Club 9-12 (VP 11, PR 12); Creative Writing 10-12 (President 12), Read & White Book Club 10-12 (VP 12); Paragon 9-12 (Head Photographer 11-12); Crier 12 (Head Photographer 12), NHS 11-12
Benjamin Foreit: Project X 11-12; DECA 12

Madeline Foreit: Project X 9-12; Habitat for Humanity 9; Speech 9; Student Government 11-12 (VP 12); Softball 9-12; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12
Luke Forszt
Hailey Fortener: Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 9-12; CEC 10-12; NHS 11-12; Chorale 11-12; Swimming 11; Tennis 9-12
Kosta Fotopoulos: Basketball 9-10, Football 9-12, Link Crew 11-12, DECA 12
Jacob Freeman

Monica Fronczek: Dance 9-12 (Captain 12); Tennis 9-12; Project X 10-12; CEC 10-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 11-12
Aristotle Galanos
Hannah Galich
Jacob Galosich: Golf 9,10,12; Track 9; CEC 12; Project X 9-12; Ping Pong Club 9,12; DECA 10; Speech & Debate 11-12; ASL Club 12
Angelo Garcia

"Me and Sara Ardnt worked together in 'The Most Curious Phenomenon' because we worked on costumes together." **Dori Clousing, 10**

Carolina Garza: Dance 9; STAND 10; CEC 10-12; SADD 10-11; Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 12
Svetko Gasich
Taryn German: Spanish Club 11; Project X 11-12; Tennis 9-12; CEC 10-12
Annabelle Giannini
Bradley Gibbs: Track 11-12

Catherine Gilhooly: Band 9-12 (Drum Major 12); Project X 9-11; Spanish Club 9-12; Paragon 11; Poetry Club 11-12; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12
Simone Gill
Moira Glowacki: Diving 10-12; French Club 9-12; Track 11-12
Erin Gonzales : Track and Field 9-12; Cross Country 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; NHS 11-12; Speech 10; Ping Pong Club 9
Viviana Gonzales

Isabell Gonzalez: Project X 9-12; CEC 9-12; Spanish Club 10-12; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 10-11; ASL Club 10-11
Kamden Gorang
William Grapenthien
Ryan Greep
Grant Gronkiewicz

Sierra Gronkiewicz: Spanish Club 9-12; MTC 9; Speech & Debate 9; CEC 10-12; SADD 10; Project X 12; DECA 12; Link Crew 12
Zachary Grunewald
Cali Grzybowski: Speech & Debate 9-11, SONG 12, Spanish Club 9, Volleyball 9, Track 9, MTC 9,11-12, NHS 11-12, Chorale 11-12
Mia Guerrero : DECA 9; Spanish Club 11-12; Choir 9-10, 12; Soccer 9-10; Track 10-12; Principal's Advisory Team 10-12; Project X 12; Civics Club 12
Nicole Gutjahr

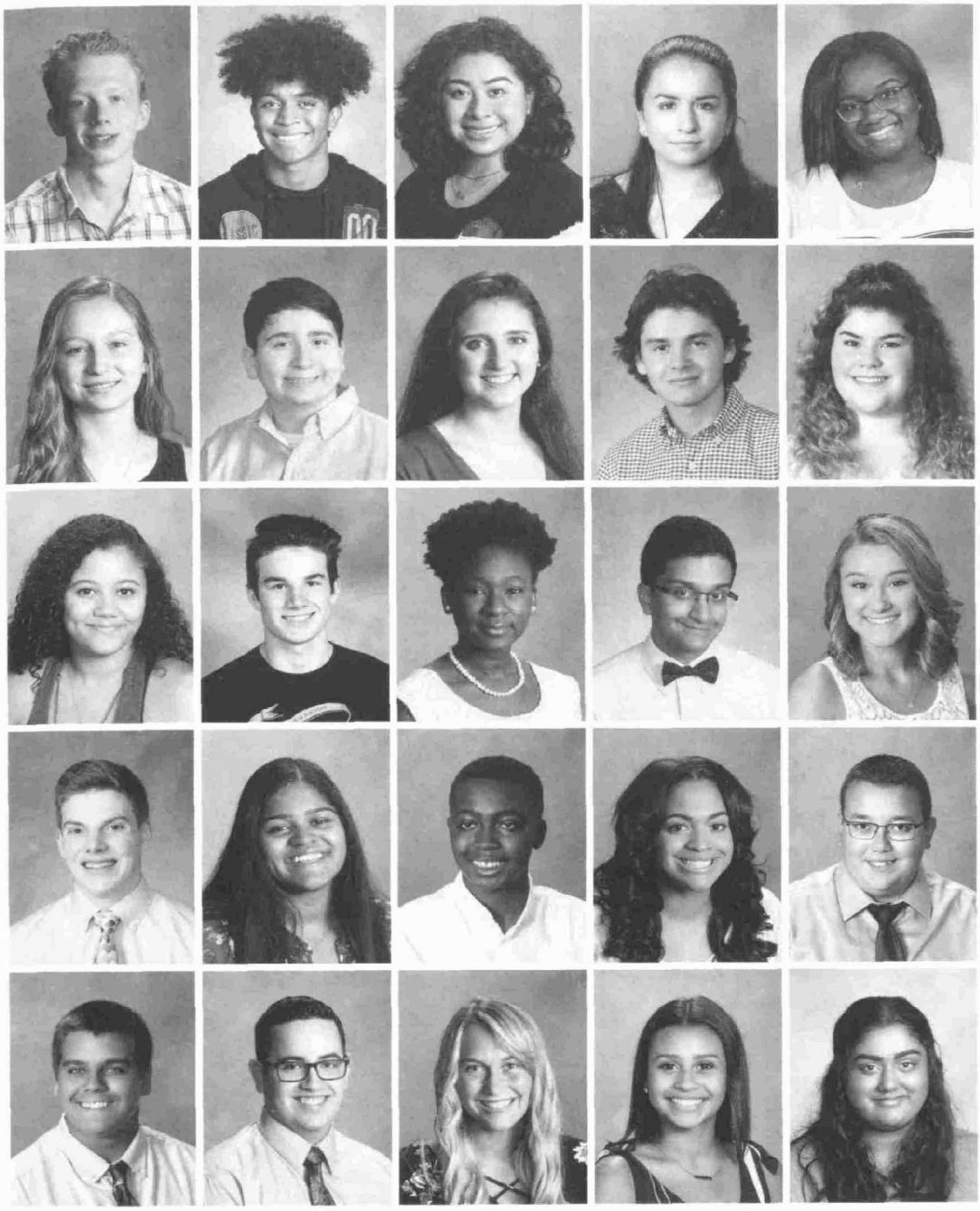
Sydney Hamill: Speech & Debate 11-12; Choir 10-12; MTC 9-12; Basketball 9; Project X 9-10; French Club 9-10
Nikola Hamilton
Madison Hansen: Chorale 9-10; Project X 10-12; Soccer 9-12
Gabriel Haro
Devon Harris

What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?

The best thing that has ever happened to me was scoring against East Chicago and becoming the All-Time Goal Scoring Recorder Breaker for MHS in soccer. That moment was one that I was determined to achieve since my Freshman year. It was a moment I will always remember: from the crowd cheering, to the press box announcing, "Addy Andello is now the All-Time Goal Scorer." There are so many great things that have happened to me through out my life, but this one was different. It was a task that I had to finish. I put my mind to it, and every game I told myself "I'm one goal closer." When a goal is checked off your list, it is by far one of the greatest feelings.

from me
Addy Andello,

"In France for IU Honors, Abbey (Burris) and I were shopping when I realized I could not afford a dress so I screamed 'ZUT' really loudly and everyone was staring at us." **Sara Ardnt, 12**



Tyler Hayes
Roberto Heath
Keila Hernandez: Art Club 9; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 11; CEC 11-12
Monica Herrera
Sydney Hill

Alina Hillegonds: Spanish Club 9-12; Project X 9-10,12; CEC 11,12; Link Crew 12; SADD 12
Raymond Hoitsma
Madison Horin: Volleyball 9-12; Track 10-12
Cade Howard
Elizabeth Huard
Hannah Hughes-Stokes: Spanish Club 11-12; Project X 11; GSA 10; CEC 11-12
Ryan Hyland
Wisdom Ibikunle: Spanish Club 9,11; Link Crew 12; DECA 10-12; Academic Superbowl 11-12; Science Olympiad 11-12; NHS 12
Shreyas Iyer: Student Government 11-12 (Student Body President 12); Speech & Debate 9-12; Symphony Orchestra 9-12 (Orchestra Council VP 12); DECA 9-12; Civics Club 10-12; Tennis 9-12; Project X 9-12
Nicole Jen: Orchestra 9-12; Track 9-10; Powderpuff 12

Eric Jerge: Basketball 9-12; Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; ASL Club 11
Leah John
Anarree Johnson
Taylor Jones
Eric Juarez: Ping Pong Club 10; Link Crew 12; CEC 9-11; Police Explorers 9-12

Frederic Jumonville
Roberto Jurado
Samantha Kall: Cheerleading 9; ASL Club 11-12; NHS 11-12
Brianna Karl: Basketball 9; Track 11-12
Priya Karnam

What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?

My best moments have always happened during cheer. My favorite moment is when I won nationals in Disney World in 2012. That year, I was with the best team in Delaware. No team from Delaware had ever been to Disney and won Nationals in their division. We were in the Newspapers as the first Pop Warner cheer team in Delaware to win First Place at the competition. It was the best feeling when we were together and we all shared a common goal in the All Star cheer community. In Florida, I was nervous when it came to competing, but I was never as nervous because I had a team that loved and supported me. Our coaches would never put a lot of pressure on us. We competed because we loved it, not because we needed to.

from me
Zaria Ellis, 12

"At cheer practice, Brooke Gardiner and I were running laps when she tripped and did a cartwheel to avoid falling on her head." **Abbey Burris, 12**

take it from us....

we asked seniors to attempt to sum up their high school experience in less than 8 words and these were the results

your catchphrase in 8 words or less...

saturdays are for the boys
Evan Torbica, 12
groovy, bodacious, and other dead terms
Nico Calderon, 12
it be like that sometimes
Linda Pebanski, 12
all's well that ends well
Frank Wolf, 12
fake it till you make it
Hidaya Musleh, 12
it will be worth it in the end
Allison Rusnak, 12
everything will be okay
Cali Grzybowski, 12
just give me five more minutes
Deven Burse, 12
it's not easy being green - kermit the frog
Caleb Erke, 12
don't forget to live before you die
Luke Davidson, 12
be your loudest you and your truest self
Darrell Schriener, 12
secrets will be secrets
Emely Santiago, 12
i walk slowly, but i never walk backwards
Matt Tripenfeldas, 12
so, where we dropping boys?
Ray Hoitsma, 12
i be taking naps - kanye west
Nick Ylo, 12
this is so sad, alexa play despacito
Joseph Nowak, 12
my four year sentence has finally ended
Will Teske, 12
high school made me realize i wanna marry rich
Amani Batarseh, 12
i'm not superstitious, but i'm a little stitious
Eric Juarez, 12
work hard, have pride in everything you do
Jonah Clark, 12
i'm in a serious relationship with powerschool
Joseph Bellahcen, 12
if it was easy, everybody would do it
Garrett Manous, 12
i'm james technician, lighting the ignition
James Ashcraft, 12
go with the flow
Bailey Broelmann, 12
good things come to those who go
Rachel Lyons, 12
that's just showbiz, baby
Mimi Brody, 12
bro, that's nuts
Shreyas Iyer, 12
this ain't a purse, it's a satchel
Carlo Candelaria, 12
why make sense when you could make dollars?
Timothy Muta, 12
didn't necessarily thrive, but at least i survived
Nicole Choros, 12
don't downgrade your dream just to fit reality
Eric Jerge, 12
she believed she could, so she did
Catherine Gilhooly, 12
i think i'm cool. that's all that matters
Declan Urbaniak, 12
okay, don't do too much
Taylor Jones, 12
did my lipstick smudge? -me, everyday.
Sydney Hamill, 12
dude, literally
Mercedes Maldonado, 12
what a long, strange trip it's been
Ella Uylaki, 12
hey did you know i'm a musician
Gabe Haro, 12
love comes unseen; we just see it go.
Gabriel McKnight, 12
can you round my 59.99 to a 98?
Brendan Bleza, 12
sorry bout it
Isabelle Bednarowski, 12
you know, josh kim makes some sick beats
Benjamin Forcit, 12
be careful of who you trust
Noel Venema, 12
you are joking, right?
Nicole Jen, 12
that's not okay
Lysabelle Martinez, 12
i can't believe i ate the whole thing
Jay Korman, 12
i am not a vegetarian
Jasvir Singh, 12
be selfless and a little selfish
Nicoletta Tsoukalas, 12
ladies!
Lily Leslie, 12
born "reddy" but not really
Priyana Reddy, 12
yeah probably
Scott Farmer, 12
nothing worth having comes easy
Alyse Lepir, 12
be your loudest you and your truest self
Darrell Schreiner, 12
yes! my last name is really love
Corina Love, 12
is this your card?
Austin Lynn, 12
merch
Jennifer Lockhart, 12
burt macklin, fbi
Zachary Grunewald, 12
gucci
Zoe Short, 12
love that for me
Katie Bobb, 12
for sure
Alejandro Arce, 12
hey boo hey
Summer Wright, 12
oop
Wisdom Ibikunle, 12
sorry, i fell asleep.
Casey Meldgin, 12
it's the concussion.
Samantha Barraza, 12
i'll be back
Juan Salgado, 12
unnnnnnnfortunate
James Sroge, 12
don't worry about it
Cade Howard, 12
roll stangs
Nikola Hamilton, 12
its a box of chocolates
Faustino Martinez, 12
smell the coffee
Mohammad Rabie, 12
brooooooooooo
Moira Glowacki, 12
y'all could never
Petra Sweis, 12
miss me
Isabella Buono, 12
i'm off on the adventure
Rebecca Krahn, 12
work smarter not harder
Kosta Fotopoulos, 12
wait, what??
Matt Nahnsen, 12
medium iced vanilla bean cream sugar extra ice
Brianna Karl, 12
surround yourself with people who make you happy
Alexis Flores, 12
nobody truly knows how to pronounce my name
Adeyah Shine, 12
i get butterflies when i think of myself
Alicia Chudziak, 12
"beezy? don't forget the famous"- famous beezy
Bryce Bullock, 12
i'm not going to remember what i said.
Adam Wisniewski, 12
never be afraid of what comes next
Mikayla Collins, 12

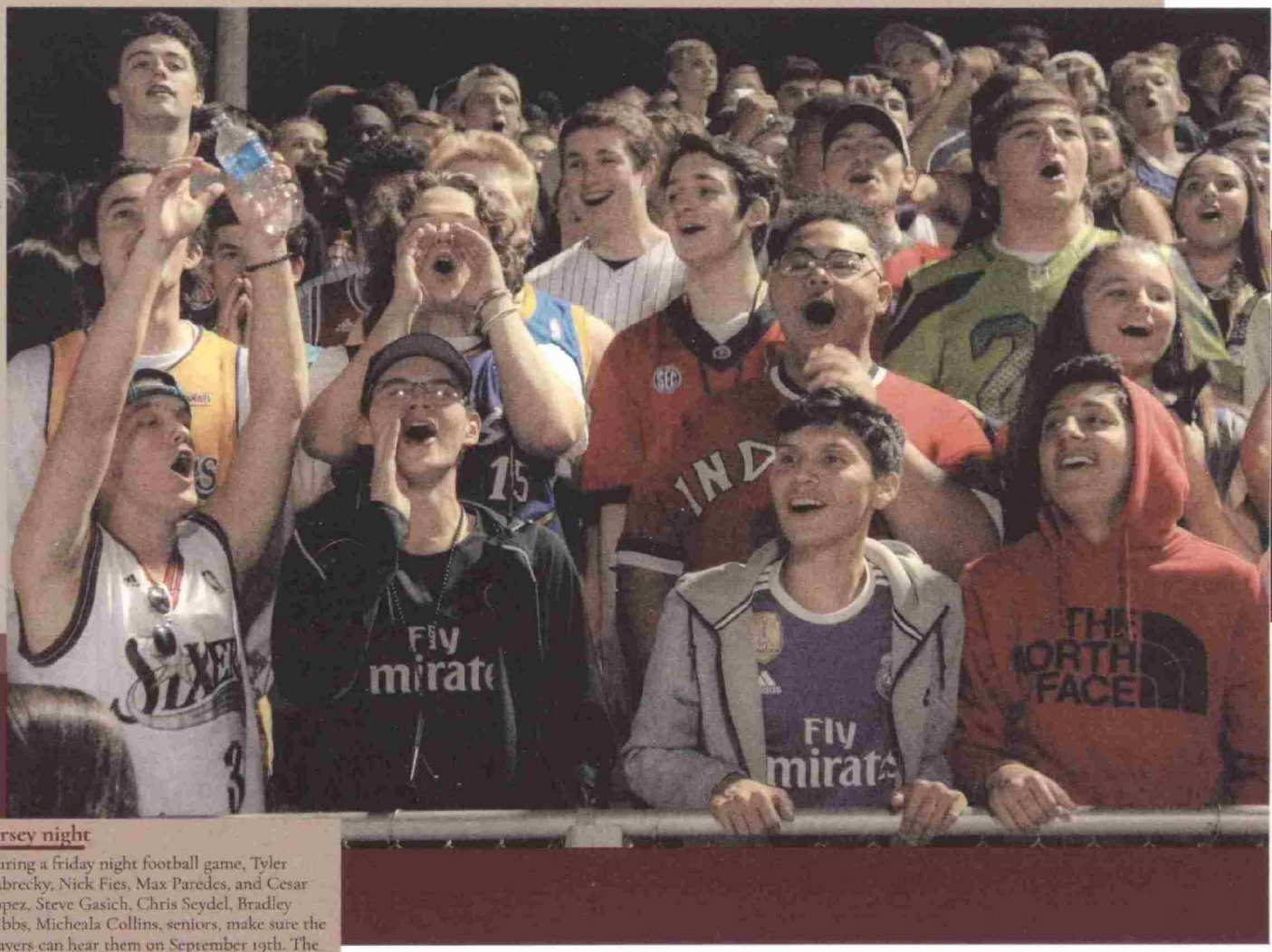
your high school career in 5 words or less...

don't ever do summer reading
Kelly Collins, 12
bruh sleep can't wait
Kara Bryant, 12
barely made it
Megan Szymanski, 12
i peaked in middle school
Melanie Powers, 12
full of new things
Erin Gonzales, 12
wish i could redo it
Kendyll Reeves, 12
we're not worried
Sara Arndt, 12
an emotional roller coaster
Noelle Long, 12
i did too much homework
Vanessa Koultourides, 12
an awesome experience
Tyler Hayes, 12
cyber security
Nathan Karnezis, 12
oof
Melana Djuraskovic, 12
best time of my life
Tyler Zabrecky, 12
i grew a beard
Eli Nirenberg, 12
it's treason, then...
Luke Forszt, 12
what does y equal?
Lucas Southwell, 12
vibe
Nick Dorai, 12
over it.
Leah Alicea, 12
the good old days
Madeline Foreit, 12
bmh - mr. knight
Carolina Garza, 12
is it friday yet?
Hailey Thill, 12
are we there yet?
Hailey Fortener, 12
one day at a time
Emma Ladd, 12

could have been worse
Taryn German, 12
living in the weight room
Jelani Warner, 12
dont't even get me started
Mia Mora, 12
one big fat oof
Viviana Gonzales, 12
i've had senioritis since 2015...
Moira Boyle, 12
six flags on fire
Nicole Dominguez, 12
"gloriously ineffective" - mr. gordon
Alaina Lany, 12
you know it was alright
Theo Mitrakis, 12
i could've dropped my croissant
Jessica Tucker, 12
sleep is for the weak
Blake Newton, 12
organized madness trying hard
Nicholas Larson, 12
wait... i'm already a senior??
Sierra Gronkiewicz, 12

fun, but challenging at times
Nick Cieslak, 12
quitting is only for losers
Trevor Maul, 12
guessing
Hannah Hughes-Stokes, 12
you win some, lose most
Jackie Webber, 12
lyrical yet downing
Marcus Sotak, 12
honestly, kinda bogus but fun
Bradley Gibbs, 12
when does the bell ring
Megan Suoranta, 12
oof, what a meme
Joseph McCraw, 12
no method to the madness
Viviana Luna, 12
the grind is real
William Latinovich, 12
i'm so good at procrastinating
Austin Nitcher, 12
you'll regret it later on
Mia Guerrero, 12

procrastination nation
Lydia Smith, 12
the cake is a lie
Harshavardhan Sanaka, 12
being tired is worth it
Sara Wenzel, 12
at least it's almost over
Jake Follmer, 12
can kris jenner adopt me?
Jacob Van Woert, 12
lots of laughter
Alyssa Strege, 12
sold my soul to speech
Nathanael Rodenburg, 12
you snooze, you lose
Jaylee Rodriguez, 12
sister snatched
Onteya Zachary, 12
jumping the wall was easier
Veronica Mendoza, 12
what's gonna happen tomorrow?
Ethan Stewart, 12



jersey night
During a friday night football game, Tyler Zabrecky, Nick Fies, Max Paredes, and Cesar Lopez, Steve Gasich, Chris Seydel, Bradley Gibbs, Micheala Collins, seniors, make sure the players can hear them on September 19th. The seniors decided to make it a jersey night theme. "I used to be a lil freshman in the back and then I got to be up front and I didn't have to move for nobody," Bradley said. Photo by Sydney Pastor

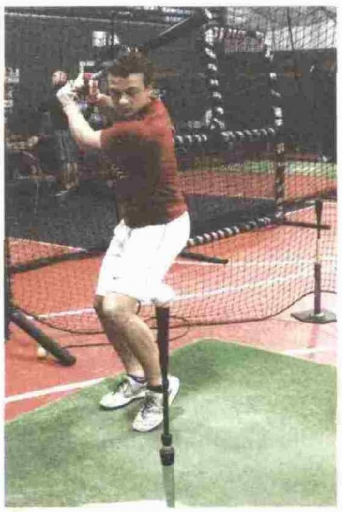
"On the first day of AP Psych, Mr. Kalwasinski asked us if we knew any famous psychologists and Lilly Lemke thought Steve Harvey was one." **Brooke Gardiner, 11**

from school to practice

Student finds a unique way to make time to make his goals a reality

What do you think that baseball has given you, personally, or what has baseball let you give to other people?

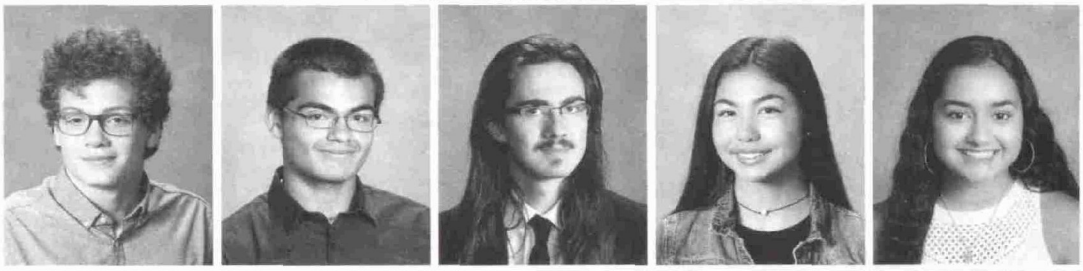
"The sport of baseball gave me, as I was growing up, a goal to try and reach the major leagues. It was a dream that I've always tried to push. I try to get myself to play as best as I can and I push to play college baseball and break records in high school, start as a freshman in college, and strive for beyond. It's taught me how to be a leader and help others through my experiences. Be humble whether you have highs or lows and just stay consistent throughout... I think that is what the sport has taught me."



when there's a will...

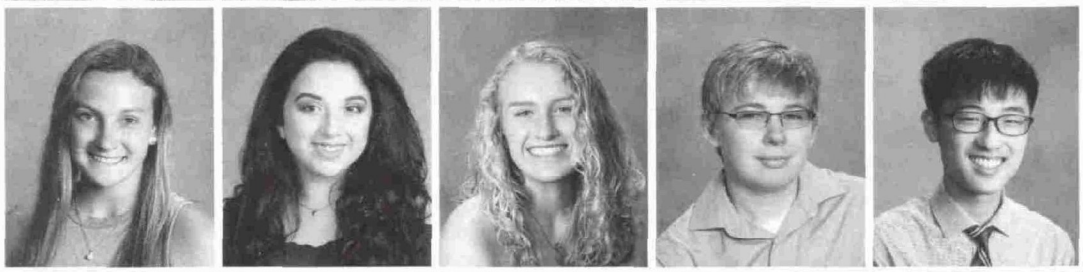
Focusing on the ball, Garrett Manous, senior, practices his swing. Every day after sixth hour, Garrett leaves school to practice baseball instead of going to class. "My parents have always told my brother and I that hard work can get us wherever we want," Garrett said. "Growing up I have always tried to reach my dreams." Photo by Sydney Pastor

Nathan Karnezis: Soccer 9-10; eSports 11-12
Laila Khani: Track 9-10, Cross Country 9-10, Spanish Club 12, Project X 11-12, CEC 11-12, Poetry Club 12
Rhea Khatra
Joshua Kim
Dylan Klos

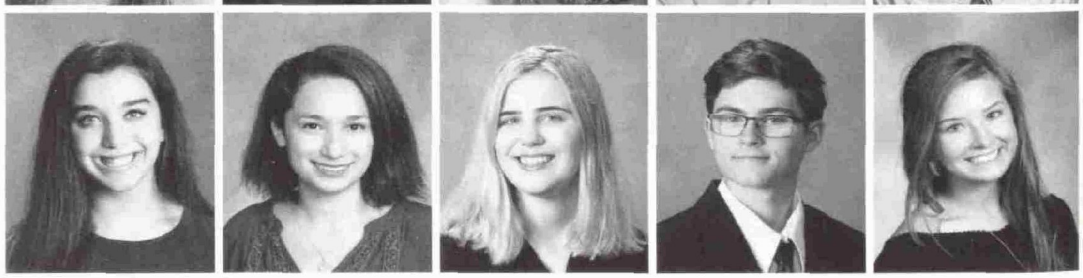


Benjamin Knutson
James Kocal: Football 9-12
Jay Korman: Track 10-12
Emily Kotvasz
Vanessa Koultourides: Spanish Club 9-10; DECA 10-12; Track 10; Cheerleading 9-12; Student Government 9-12; Project X 9-12

Lauren Kozy: Crier 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; SADD 11; Project X 9-10, 12; Dance 9
Rebecca Krahn: Poetry Club 9-12; Creative Writing 9, Project X 11
Nathan Kunas
Emma Ladd: Tennis 9,10; Golf 9-12
Madison Lakomek: Track 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12; Habitat for Humanity 10; SADD 11



Isabelle Landeck: Cheerleading 9; Softball 9
Christina Landeros
Alaina Lany: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9; DECA 10-12; CEC 10-12; NHS 11-12; Poetry Club 11-12
Nicholas Larson: Spanish Club 9-12; Project X 11-12; Tech Club 11; Ping Pong Club 9-12; Science Olympiad 9-12; T.E.A.M.S. 9-12; NHS 11-12; Creative Writing 12; Poetry Club 12
Justin Lee: Science Olympiad 9-12; T.E.A.M.S. 9-12; Debate 9-11; Project X 10-12; Spanish Club 9-10

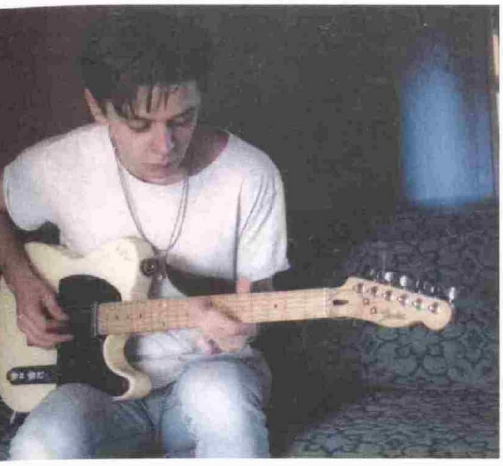


Alyse Lepir
Olivia Lerma: Spanish Club 9-12 (PR 12); Project X 9-12; ASL Club 12; SADD 12; NHS 12; CEC 12
Lily Leslie
Joseph Lesniak
Cecilia Lipschultz: Dance 10-12; ASL Club 11-12; SADD 11

"In third grade our teacher always liked Mollie Clark, but hated me. She always compared us and used her as a good example." **Lilly Lemke, 11**

from feeling to making

Talking with Ethan Stewart on his inspiration behind his music



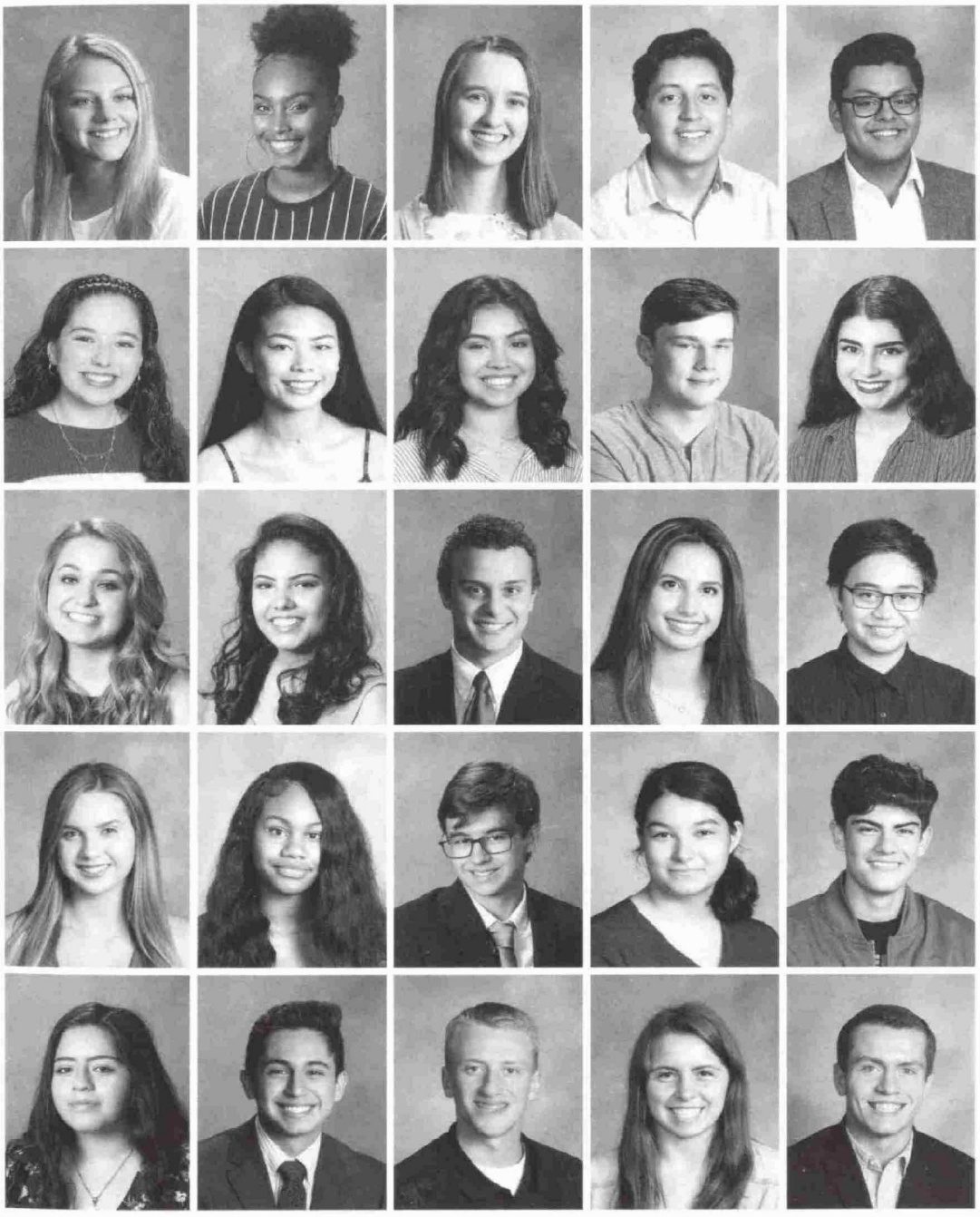
playing for an eternity

Strumming a few chords on the guitar, Ethan Stewart, senior, opens up about what inspires his music. "Whenever [I'm] sad or just feeling something, the feeling tends to repeat itself," he said, "So I thought, okay thats a loop, maybe I could make a song that just repeats itself to signify that feeling. I found the pedal and I just started coming home, with whatever I had making a base track, and adding onto it until my feeling was gone."

Photo by Sydney Pastor

What do you think that music has given you, personally, or what has music let you give to other people?

"It's definitely resolution. I remember earlier today, just being in a bad mood. I remember seeing something that just didn't make me happy. I don't know why. I didn't know where to go with [the emotion]. Then I found this song that my friend showed me. I remember sitting in my last period class and listening to it, smiling. I've listened to it like 15 times since then and the feeling I had [before] was completely gone. The feeling it gave me was great and if I ever get in that mood again, I know I can turn to that song, so it is definitely resolution."



Kelli Little: MTC 10-12; Chorale 11-12; Speech 11-12; SONG 10-12
Jennifer Lockhart: Spanish Club 9-10; NHS 11-12; Swimming 9-10,12; Track 9-10; SADD 11; Link Crew 12
Noelle Long
Cesar Lopez
Gabriel Lopez

Corina Love
Yongxuan Lu
Viviana Luna: Art Club 9-11; Paragon 10; Project X 11; Spanish Club 10-12; CEC 10-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 11-12; Poetry Club 12
Austin Lynn
Rachel Lyons: Art Club 9-12 (VP 10, President 11-12); Spanish Club 9-12 (PR 10-12, Co-President 12); SADD 10-12 (President 11-12); Robotics 11-12; Academic Super Bowl 11-12, STAND 10-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Poetry Club 11-12; Environmental Science Club 10; CEC 10-12; French 11-12; Link Crew 12

Sydney Macek
Mercedes Maldonado
Garrett Manous: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-10; NHS 11-12
Julia Mansour: Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 9-12
Michaela Marcotte: MTC 10-12 (Second VP 12); Auditorium Staff 10-12; Orchestra 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; GSA 9-11; Creative Writing 9-10

Melissa Mardyla
Indira Marshall
Matthew Marszowski
Aileen Martinez: Spanish Club 9; Project X 11; Link Crew 12; CEC 11-12
Faustino Martinez
Lysabelle Martinez
Nicklaus Martinez: Lacrosse 11-12, Project X 12
Trevor Maul: Football 9-12; Bowling 10
Ella McComis: Basketball 9-12; Track 9-12; Athletic Trainer 9-12; Student Government 9-12; Principal's Advisory Team 9-12; Project X 11-12; DECA 9, 11-12; HOSA 10-12; Science Olympiad 11-12; T.E.A.M.S. 10-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 11-12
William McComis: Football 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Track 10-12; Cross Country 12; Science Olympiad 11-12; T.E.A.M.S. 9-12; DECA 10-12; Student Government 9-10, 12; HOSA 10; Project X 11-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 11-12; Principal's Advisory Team 9-12; SAC 12

"On our first day of training, a guy broke his arm and April (Roberts) and I did not know what to do." **Mollie Clark, 11**

Joseph McCraw
Gabriel McKnight: Marching Band 9-12; Track 10; eSports 11-12
Casey Meldgin: Spanish Club 9; Project X 9; Diving 9-11
Allan Mella
Veronica Mendoza

Madison Meyer
Kenyatta Miles
Theo Mitrakis
Kameryn Moore: Color Guard 9-12; Paragon 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief 12); NHS 11-12
Miaflor Mora: Cross Country 9-10; Tennis 9-11; Dance 11; Track 12

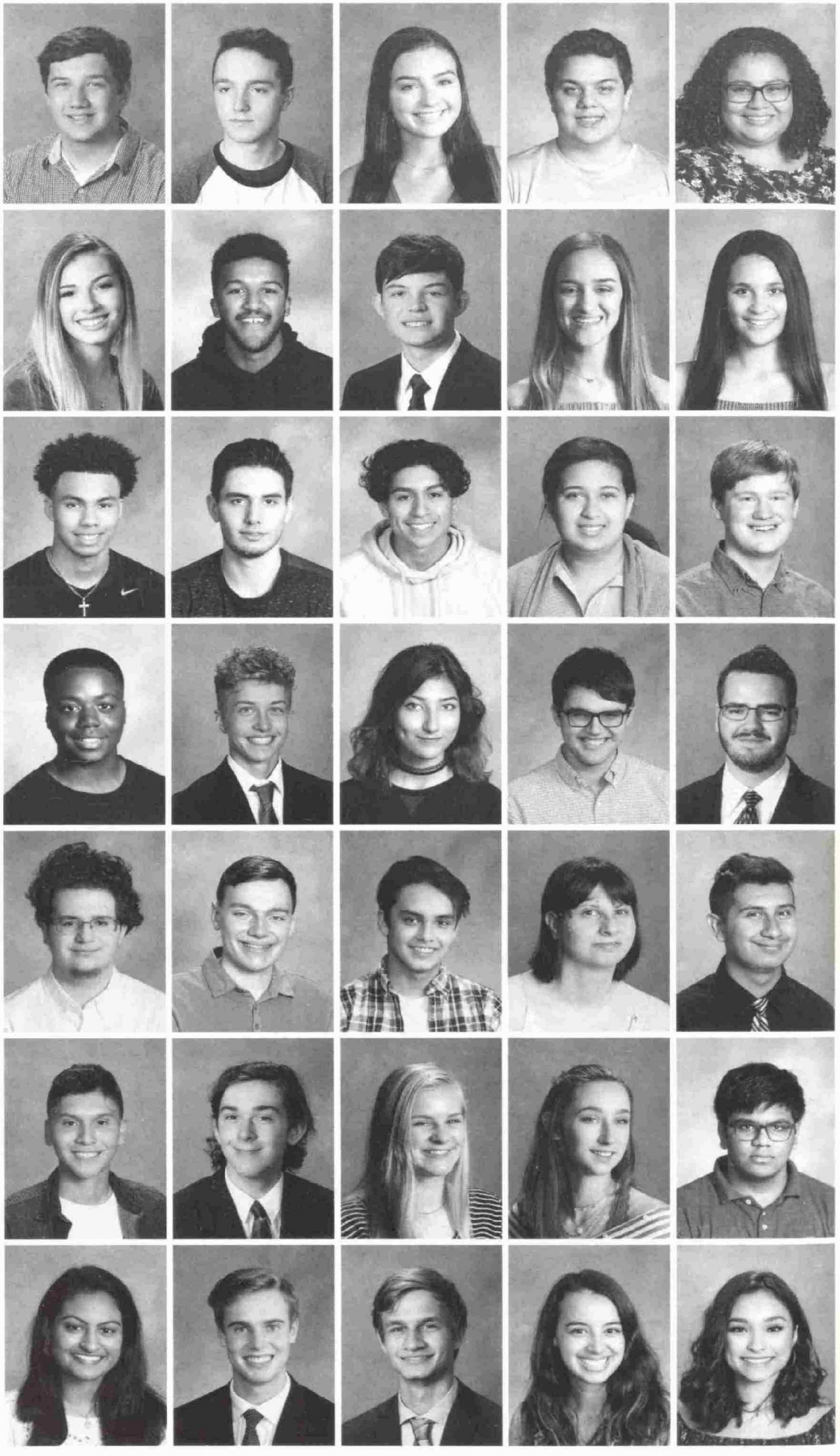
Jevon Morris
Yousif Mukatash
Cole Munoz
Hidaya Musleh: Project X 9-12; Color Guard 9-10; Paragon 10; HOSA 10-11; Poetry Club 10-12; GSA Club 11-12
Timothy Muta

Tavares Myart
Matthew Nahnsen: Project X 11-12; MTC 9-10; Orchestra 9-10; Track 9-12; Cross Country 9-11; Student Government 12; DECA 10-12
Chrys Navarro: Poetry Club 10-12; Art Club 9-11; Creative Writing 10-12; SADD 10-12
Blake Newton: Ping Pong Club 9; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11-12; Creative Writing 12
Eli Nirenberg: Spanish Club 9-12 (Co-President 12), Speech & Debate 9-12, Project X 9-12, T.E.A.M.S. 10-12, Academic Superbowl 10-12, Civics Club 10-12, NHS 11-12

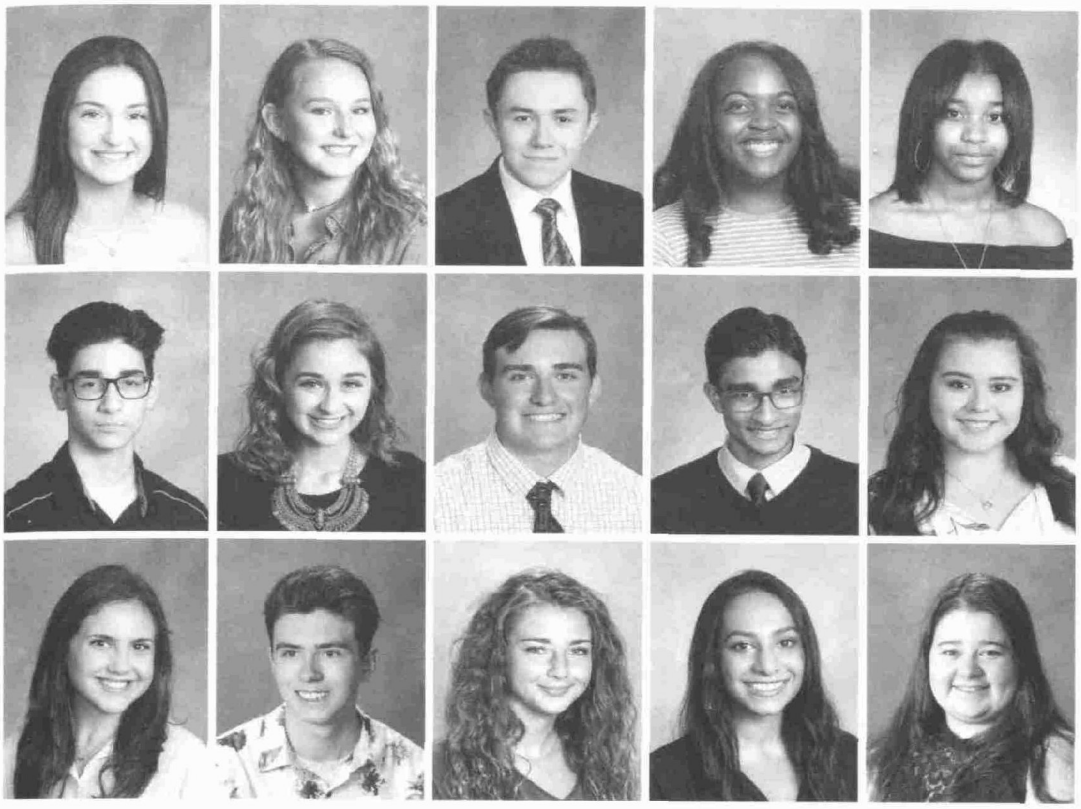
Austin Nitcher: Police Explorers 9-12; eSports 10-12
Joseph Nowak
Phoenix Orozco
Natalie Ostrow
Joseph Pallares

Max Paredes
Michael Parobek: Band 9-12; Speech 10-12
Erin Paskewicz: Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12; Project X 10-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 11-12; CEC 9-12
Sydney Pastor: Volleyball 9-10; Student Government 9-10; Art Club 10-11; Paragon 11-12 (Design Editor 12); CEC 11-12; SAC 12
Adit Patel: Marching Band 9-10; TEAMS 9-12; Science Olympiad 11-12; Academic Super Bowl 11-12; Creative Writing Club 12

Megha Patil: Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12, Speech 10, Civics Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 10-12; ASL 12; SAAD 11-12
Nicholas Peirick: Student Government 9-12; Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 9-12; Civics Club 11-12; DECA 9-12; Track 9; Cross Country 9-10; NHS 11-12
Benjamin Peters
Linda Plebanski: GSA 9-10; CEC 9-12; Volleyball 9; Girls' Basketball Manager 10
Madison Pomales



"In second grade, my sister and I took a photo and looking back at it now, my best friend Clara Terry and her sister were in the background. We didn't even know each other." **April Roberts, 11**



Riley Portone
Melanie Powers
Michael Prendergast
Kayla Prowell: Student Government 9-12; French Club 9-12, GSA 9-12 (President 11); Speech 9; Project X 9; HOSA 10-12; STAND 10-12; Civics Club 12; Habitat for Humanity 10; Lacrosse 10-12 (Captain 11); Science Olympiad 9
Tamia Pyburn

Mohammad Rabie
Maya Radjenovich: Speech & Debate 9-12; Chorale 10-12; SONG 10-12; MTC 9-12; Golf 9-10
Timothy Radtke
Hamzah Rafiq
Juliana Ramirez

Chyan Rangel: Basketball 9-10; Track 10-12; Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 11; DECA 11-12; HOSA 11-12; SAAD 11; Civics Club 11-12; Habitat for Humanity 10
Edward Rau
Taylor Raycroft
Priyana Reddy: Debate 9-12; DECA 9-12; Project X 9-12; Link Crew 11-12; Civics Club 11-12; Track 9-10; NHS 11-12; Habitat for Humanity 10
Kendyll Reeves: CEC 10-12; Art Club 9; Best Buddies 10; Link Crew 12

from **member** to **president**

presidents of clubs share their thoughts on being in charge

speech & debate

"Being president is definitely a lot to handle at times but I am really passionate about speech and debate so I am super honored to be a leader."

Jackie Webber

staying late

After school at a debate practice, senior Jackie Webber, president, helps one of her pieces. Debate practices 2 to 3 days a week, depending on how involved members make themselves. "I usually put in about 6 hours a week," Jackie said.
Photo by Sydney Pastor

crier

"Being able to be editor-in-chief of Crier was really fulfilling and I felt honored to be trusted to continue its legacy."

Mimi Brody

putting in planning

While putting up sticky notes to plan pages for the next issue of Crier, editor-in-chief Mimi Brody, senior, assigns people to specific topics. This specific note was from the sports page in issue three. "Crier has a really long tradition of excellence, so being able to rise through the ranks means a lot," she said.
Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

poetry club

"Poetry Club was the first club I was actually passionate about. I love having a voice in a club I care about."

Chrys Navarro

leading with laughter

During an after-school meeting, senior Chrys Navarro, president, laughs while leading a discussion about poetry. Members usually share personal poems during meetings. "I feel important an as if I'm really making a change in the poetry club community," Chrys said.
Photo by Chynna Vaughn

"Maddie (Kozy) and I went kayaking in the Hammond marina and there are a ton of spiders and she would flip out almost tipping herself over every time she saw a spider." **Clara Terry, 11**

Camille Renwald
Javaughn Richards: Football 9-12 (Captain 12); Basketball 9-10; Band 9-12 (Section Leader 12); Winter Percussion 11-12; Track 9; Spanish Club 12; Poetry Club 12; NHS 12
Anthony Richey
Melissa Rivera
Nicole Roberts: Paragon 9-11; ASL Club 10-12; Art Club 9-11; Robotics 11-12; Track 9-10; NHS 11-12

Nathanael Rodenburg
Jaylee Rodriguez: Athletic Trainer 9; Lacrosse 10; Spanish Club 11; Link Crew 11; Project X 11-12
Xavier Rodriguez
Amanda Rosales
Alexandra Rowady

Eviana Rubio: Concert Band 9-11; HOSA 11-12; Track 10-12; Marching Band 9-12
Lauren Ruiz: Band 9-12
Allison Rusnak: Project X 9-12; Track 9-10; Best Buddies 9-10; Spanish Club 10-12; ASL Club 11-12; SADD 12; NHS 11-12
Thomas Ryan
Yasmeen Sabbah

Arianne Sadural: Color Guard 7-12; Winter Guard 9-12; Wind Ensemble 10-12; Orchestra 9, 11-12 Auditorium Staff 10-11; GSA 11-12; Poetry Club 12
Haya Safi: Project X 9; Read & White Book Club 10-12; CEC 11-12
Bilal Salem
Juan Salgado
Madalyn Sample

Harshavardhan Sanaka: Science Olympiad 9-12; T.E.A.M.S. 9-12; Academic Superbowl 11-12; Creative Writing 11-12; Spanish Club 12; Debate 9
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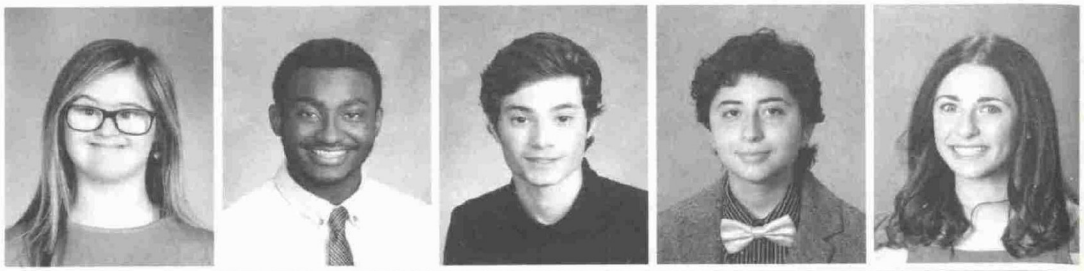
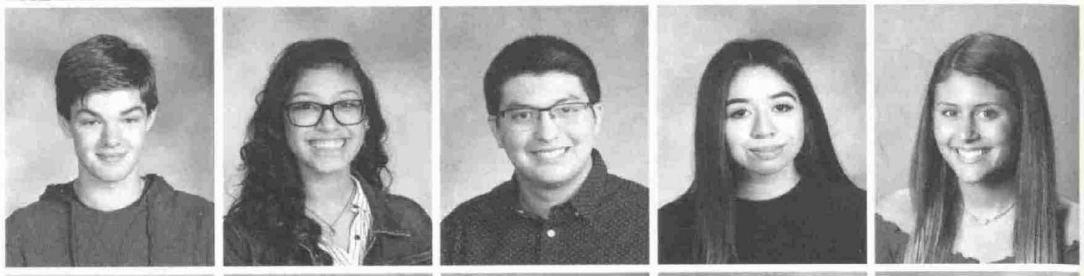
Katelyn Sarmiento
Michael Schassburger
Zachary Schmidt: Tennis 9-12, Project X 10-11, Ping Pong Club 10-11, NHS 11-12

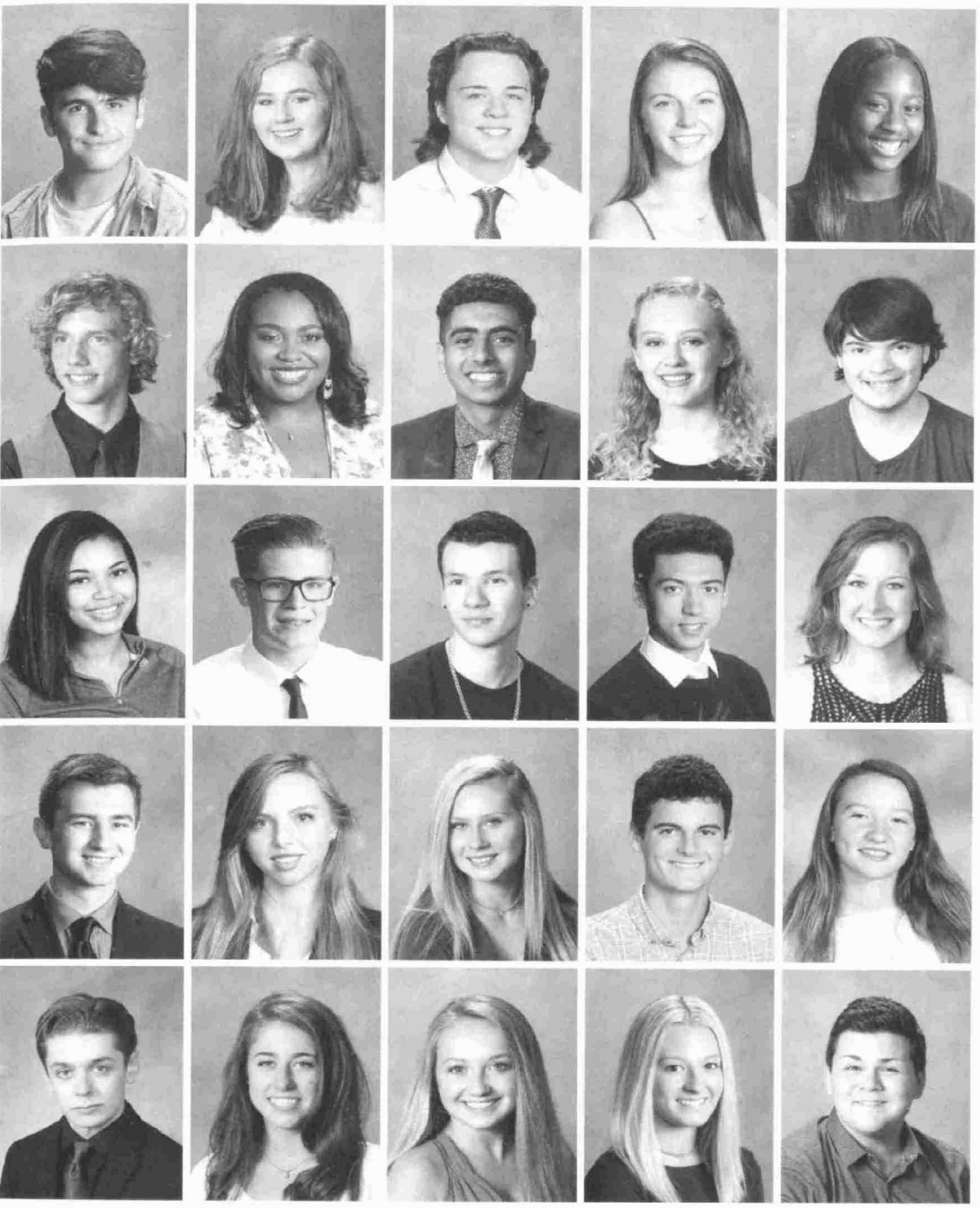



What makes you, you?

In the wise words of Rocket Raccoon, "Ain't nothing like me, 'cept me." I am me because I have grown up in two different houses, my mom's and dad's. My older step sister helped me realize that I can spend time alone and don't always have to have friends. My younger sister helped me realized that I relate more to Millennials than Generation Z. My mother and her side of the family made me into a considerate, respectful, loyal person who has a passion for animals and hockey. My father and his side of the family made me into a responsible, independent young woman with strange knowledge of cars, art, guns, and farming.

from me
Hannah Hughes-Stokes, 12

"I went to a pool party at Lily Brunetti's house and when I got there I found Alexis (Lindenmayer) hitting Martin (Bernard) on the head with a pool noodle." **Maddie Kozy, 11**



Darrell Schreiner: Robotics 9; Art Club 9-12; T.E.A.M.S. 9-12; Science Olympiad 10-12; GSA 10-12; Link Crew 10-12; Creative Writing 11-12; Poetry Club 11-12; French Club 11-12; NHS 11-12
Carey Scott: Crier 10-12 (Managing Editor 12); Paragon 12 (Business Manager 12); Speech 11-12; GSA 9; Poetry Club 11; CEC 10; Art Club 10-11
Christopher Seydel
Savanah Sharpe: Dance 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9-11; ASL Club 9-11; Tennis 9-10; Track 10-11
Adeyah Shine: Track 9-12; CEC 10-11; Link Crew 11, Cheerleading 9. NHS 11-12

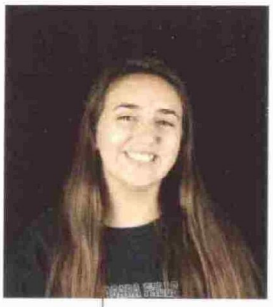
Zakris Shmagranoff
Zoé Short: Speech & Debate 9-12; CEC 10-12; Choir 9-10; Song 9-11; MTC 9-12; STAND 12; Read & White Book Club 12
Jasvir Singh: Swimming 9-12; DECA 10-12; Project X 10-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9
Lydia Smith: Orchestra 9-12; Chorale 11-12; SONG 12; French Club 9-12; Art Club 10-11; MTC 9, 11-12; Link Crew 11
Matthew Smith

Peyton Smith
Samuel Smolinski
Marcus Sotak
Lucas Southwell: Track 9-12; Football 9-10; Amateur Musicians 10
Rebeka Spicer

James Sroge: Chorale 10-12; Speech & Debate 9-11; SING 9-12, MTC 9-12, French Club 9-12, Link Crew 11-12
Karolina Sroka: Tennis 9-12; Project X 10-11; Link Crew 11-12; Speech & Debate 9; DECA 10-11
Madison Steapleton: Volleyball 9; Track & Field 9-10; Cross Country 10-12; Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 10; Spanish Club 10-12; CEC 9-12
William Stephan
Emma Stevens

Ethan Stewart
Audrey Stooksbury: Cross Country 9-12; Track 11-12; Basketball 9-10; Project X 10-12; CEC 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11
Alyssa Strege: Dance Team 9,11-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 9-12; NHS 11-12
Kaitlin Strempka: CEC 10-12; Project X 10-12; Spanish Club 12; Art Club 12; French Club 12; ASL Club 12; Civics Club 12; DECA 12; Track 12; SADD 12; HOSA 12
Eli Stricker: DECA 9; Spanish Club 9-12 (Officer 12); Project X 9-12; Science Olympiad 9-12; Academic Super Bowl 10-12; TEAMS 10-12; NHS 11-12

What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?



The funniest thing that has ever happened to me was probably when my sister thought I was in the car with her and she drove off without me. I was 12 years old, and I had just finished swim practice and my sister was supposed to pick me up. I opened up the backdoor to put my bag back there, and then I was going to go sit in the front seat. Well, she must have thought I was in the backseat because she started to drive away. Luckily, I had my phone on me so I could call her. I called her and I could hear my sister scream, "Lexi, why are you calling me from the back seat?! Lexi, why aren't you in the backseat?!" She drove about a half mile without realizing I was not in the car. Thankfully, she turned around and picked me up for real that time.

from me
Alexis Flores, 12

"Martin (Bernard) came over to my house one day and I wanted to see what was on his computer so when he left the room I ran to the bathroom with it and he accidentally broke the locks on the door." **Alexis Lindenmayer, 11**

George Sudar
Megan Suoranta: Color Guard 10; Robotics Club 11-12
Sage Sweeney: Speech 9-10; Project X 10-11; Theater: 9-10; DECA 9-11; NHS 11-12; Habitat for Humanity 10; Link Crew 11-12; Student Government 9-11; HOSA 10-11
Petra Sweis
Samuel Szala: Cross Country 11-12

Gabrielle Szumlas: Soccer 9-10; Athletic Trainer 9; Project X 11-12; ASL Club 11-12
Megan Szymanski
William Teske: Soccer 9-12
Liliana Therault
Hailey Thill: Cross Country 9-11; Project X 10-12; Best Buddies 10,12; CEC 10-12

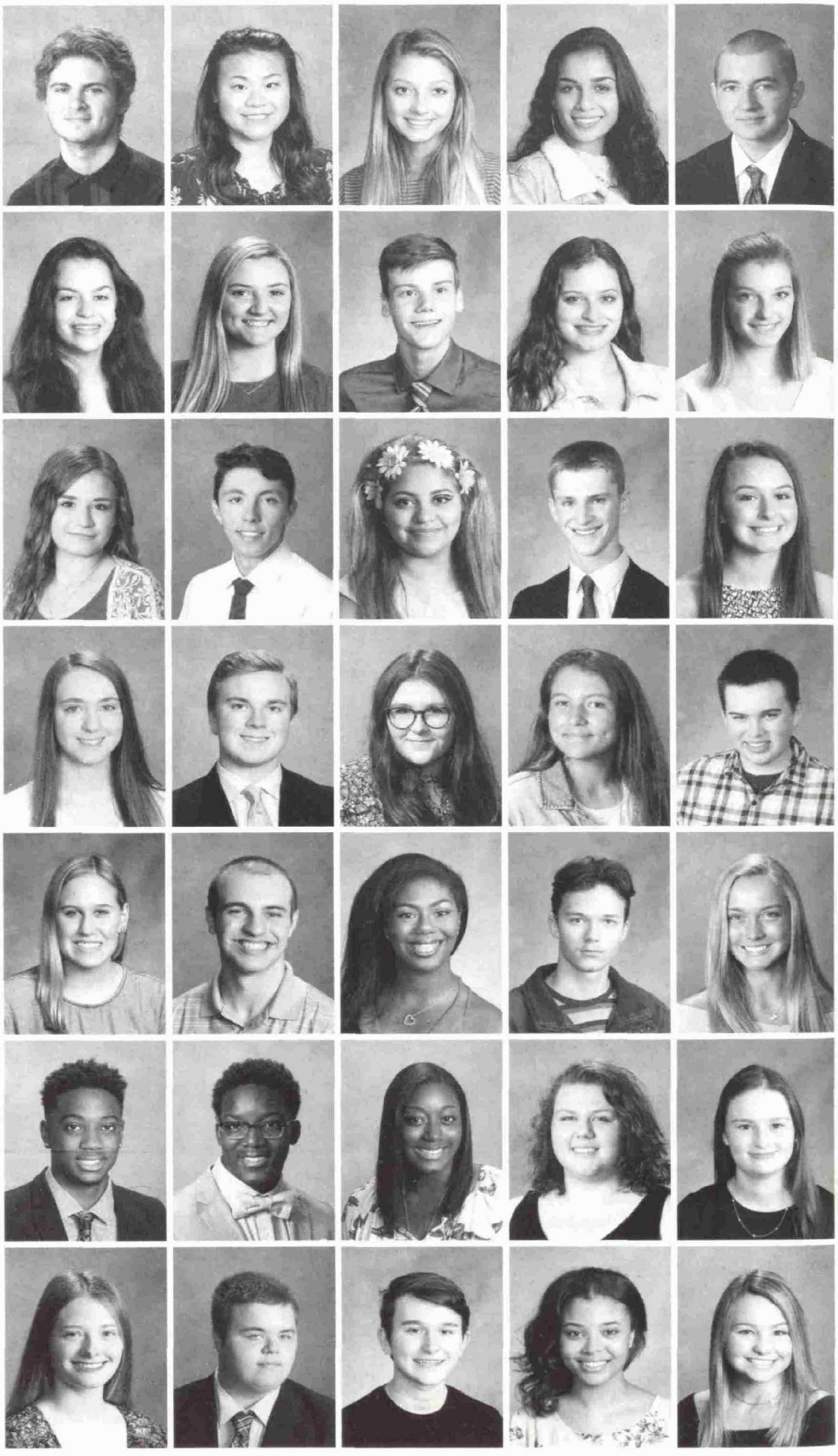
Rebecca Thompson: Track 10-12; CEC Club 9-11; ASL Club 10-12; Choir 9-12; Cheerleading 9
Evan Torbica
Nancy Tratar: Speech & Debate 9-11; Track 9-11; Art Club 10-11; Poetry Club 10-12; Paragon 10; Link Crew 11
Matthew Tripenfeldas: Project X 9-12; eSports 11; Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12
Nicoletta Tsoukalas: Project X 9-10; Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 12); Civics Club 11; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12

Jessica Tucker
Declan Urbaniak
Ella Uylaki: Link Crew 11, Poetry Club 12, Art Club 12
Janica Van Ghunt
Jacob Van Woert: DECA 9; Boys Tennis 9; Project X 9-10; Paragon 10

Lindsy Vanek: Swimming 9-11; DECA 11-12; Spanish Club 11; Civics Club 11 ; Project X 11
Charles Varkalis
Chynna Vaughn: GSA 9-12 (Historian 11), Poetry Club 10-12 (VP 11, Co-President 12), French Club 11-12, Color Guard 10-12, Winter Guard 9-12, Paragon 12
Noel Venema
Alexandra Vjestica: Project X 9-12; Dance 9-12; Civics Club 11; Spanish Club 11

Jaden Warner
Jelani Warner: Football 9-12
Jordyn Warner
Abigail Watts: Speech 9-10; Chorale 10-12; SONG 11-12; MTC 9-10; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12
Jaclyn Webber: Speech & Debate 9-12 (VP 11, President 12); DECA 10-12; Civics Club 10-12 (President 12); Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 10-11; STAND 10-12; SADD 10-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 10-12

Sara Wenzel: HOSA 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10, Speech & Debate 12, Volleyball 9
Christopher White
Daniel Wiese
Ashlyn Williams
Eleanor Wilson

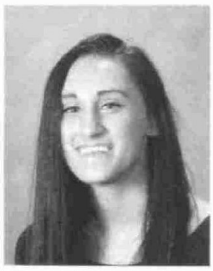
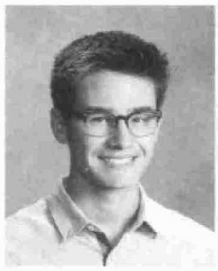


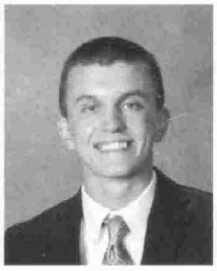
"I wanted to see the fireworks on Fourth of July and I couldn't see them from my house so I walked all the way to Toni's (Linnane) house." **Martin Bernard, 11**

What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

One of the funniest things that has happened to me would be at the cubs convention. Every year in January my friend Allison and I stay for 2 nights at the Grand Sheraton Hotel in downtown Chicago. The point of the convention is to meet Cubs players and spend time with a bunch of crazy Cubs fans. Well, Friday nights the Cubs players go to Harry Carry's Bar in Navy Pier to celebrate and drink with fellow fans. It is a fundraising event for Cubs Charities. Sometimes, people from the convention who can't get into the event wait outside the event to try and catch the players leaving. My friend Allison and I were some of those people. The nice thing about Navy Pier is that they legally could not kick us out because we were not doing any harm and the pier had to be open to the public. Why is this important? Well, because we were there way past 3 am. We were hanging outside the restaurant inside the Pier waving to players and they would wave back. Several stars of Chicago TV shows would walk past (i.e Chicago Fire/Med etc.) Now it is getting pretty late and I'm very tired but all of a sudden a woman taps me on the shoulder and says, "Drake Bell just was standing behind you!". I freaked out. Drake and Josh was my favorite show growing up! My friend and I sprinted out of Navy Pier and caught him right before he got into his Uber. We were able to get a picture with him and talked with him for a little bit. It was the coolest thing ever and he was very nice! It was funny to me because I was taller than him and he looked really old to me.

from me
Christina Burzynski, 12



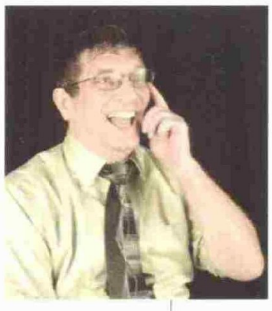
Alyssa Winterhaler: Spanish Club 10; Project X 9-12; CEC 10-12; Art Club 12; Civics Club 12; French Club 12; Track 12; DECA 12; ASL 12; SADD 12; HOSA 12
Adam Wisniewski: Soccer 9-12; Golf 9-11; eSports 11-12; Project X 9-12; DECA 9-12; NHS 12
Declan Wittkowske
Summer Witvoet
Frank Wolf: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Project X 9-11; DECA 9-10; NHS 11-12; Biddyball 9-12
Summer Wright: Basketball 9-11 (Manager)
Nicholas Ylo
Tyler Zabrecky: Basketball 9-12 (Captain 11, 12); Baseball 9 (Captain); Project X 9-12; SADD Club 10-12; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12
Onteya Zachary: Color Guard 9-10; Robotics 9-10 (Secretary 10); Cheerleading 11; Swimming 11-12
Asmae Zehraoui: World Affairs Council (Founder, President 10); Speech & Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Civics Club 12

not pictured

Bryce Bullock
Andrew Calderon: Football 9-12; Spanish Club 12; Project X 12
Santiago Campos
Ryan Carpenter
Caitlin Chansler
Douglas Curski
David Dafiaghor
Jacob Follmer: Track 10-11
Shenandoah Hogan
Muneer Ishtawi
Elizabeth Kobelansky
Zachery Kopp
Evan Krieg
William Latinovich
Xavier Martinez-Scott
Jaccob Mayo
Anthony Moore
Raisuli Muhammad
Ciera Rains
Anica Sljivar
Peyton Smith
Clayton Sons
Ali Soto
Blake Stepanovich
Brett Stepanovich
Mikaila Swanson

"At a dance competition, Abby Silva ran across lanes of traffic, took off her warmups and went right onstage to perform a solo." **Antonia Linnane, 11**

How did you end up becoming a teacher?



When I was younger I wanted to be an archaeologist. My first scientific hobby was collecting and identifying rocks and minerals. My father even set up a "lab" for me in the corner of my basement. When I got into high school I started to enjoyed my physical science courses: mainly chemistry and physics. At Indiana University, I quickly focused only on astronomy and astrophysics, completing that degree in four years. Eventually, after a year of graduate work in the field (which I did not care much for). One day I walked over to IU's School of Education to see what I would need to accomplish to get a teaching certificate in Indiana, they told me, and it sounded alright. I then switched over to an education career, and I have not looked back, even now after more than 27 years teaching. I regret nothing, though sometimes I wonder if I would have "made it" in the actual astrophysical field, although I am not sure if I was ready for that kind of challenge at that age.

from me
Keith Koszut, science teacher

Mrs. Sarah Adams: Intro to Culinary I & II, Child Development, Adult Roles, Prep for College and Careers, Interpreting Relationships
Mrs. Mary Axarides: Social Worker
Mrs. Kelly Barnes: AP English Literature, Honors English 9, English 9, Poetry Club Sponsor
Mr. Thomas Barnes: Honors English 10, English 10, English Department Chair
Mr. Brant Barton: West Lake teacher, Math, Best Buddies Sponsor

Mrs. Crystal Blanton: Algebra II
Mrs. Ashley Boronda: West Lake aide
Mr. Doctor Brad: CTE Coordinator
Ms. Tonya Breyne: West Lake aide
Jennifer Cabello: West Lake aide

Julie Camp: Student Services
Mr. Brian Clark: Athletic Director
Mr. Kevin Clyne: English Literature, Composition, English 11
Mr. Joshua Craig: Media Specialist, Read & Write Book Club sponsor
Jenna Crotty: West Lake teacher

Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: Instructional Coach
Mrs. Judith DeYoung: PLTW Human Body Systems, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology
Mrs. Deborah Delooff: Student Services
Mrs. Maria Derosa-Bellaheen: Spanish I & II
Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo: Spanish II & III, World Language Department Chair

Mr. Carl Fields: Ceramics I-V, Sculpture
Mr. Donald Fortner: AP Economics & Economics, Social Studies Department Chair
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish I & II
Ms. Hannah Fus: ASL I & II, ASL Club Sponsor
Mrs. Beth Gibbs: Student Services

"Avery Beerling and I were riding our bikes and a truck stopped to let us turn and we hit each other and fell in the street." **Abby Silva, 9**

from me

How did you end up becoming a teacher?

Both of my parents were teachers, so going off to college I had one goal: to not become a teacher. That was a goal that I happily failed at achieving. When I went to college I was majoring in political science and preparing for law school. By the time I left undergrad I realized that the competitive nature of that field would accent the worst part of my character. I would much rather be in a field that is about nurturing, rather than conquering. I then very happily fell into the family business. I do not think anyone is always happy all of the time in any profession, but at the end of the school day, I always feel remarkably good about what it is that teachers are trying to achieve. I feel an incredible degree of professional pride in attempting to make the world a better place by leaving fingerprint on the next generation.

from me
Michael Gordon, social studies teacher

Ms. Melanie Goatley: West Lake aide
Mr. Michael Gordon: AP Government & Government
Mrs. Lyndee Govert: Algebra I, Geometry
Mr. Peter Gregory: School Counselor
Mrs. Kathleen Gross: English 9 & 10

Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Basketball Coach
Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance
Mrs. Katie Harris: Algebra I & Honors Algebra II, CEC 9 sponsor
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry & Integrated Chemistry and Physics
Mr. Larry Hautzinger: Honors Physics, Physics, MAP

Mr. Joshua Herold: US History, Ancient World History, Modern World History, Geography, Freshmen Foorball coach
Mrs. Amanda Holloway: Composition, English 9, World Literature
Officer Gabriel Isenblatter: School Resource Officer
Jennifer Johnson: Ceramics I
Mr. Mathew Kalwasiaski: AP Psychology, Freshmen Footaball coach

Mr. Mark Knight: Algebra II, AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, Robotics sponsor
Mr. Keith Koszut: Integrated Chemistry and Physics, AP Mechanical Physics, Physics, Academics Teams Director
Michele Kutemeier: West Lake teacher
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman: Journalism, Photography, Newspaper, Yearbook, Composition, Publications Director
Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte: AP Human Geography, Ethnic Studies, Student Government sponsor

Mrs. Brook Lemon: English 9, Composition, World Literature
Mrs. Despina Liaskos: Business Law and Ethics, Principles of Marketing, Preparation for College and Careers, Digital Apps
Mrs. Rosemary Lopez-Malagon: Spanish III & II, Advanced Spanish IV, Spanish Club sponsor
Mr. Leroy Marsh: Weight Lifting, Health, PE II
Mr. Andrew Martin: Geometry, Algebra I, Football coach

"One time I was standing in the hallway and my brother, Zach Beerling, tripped me and I fell on my face." **Avery Beerling, 9**

Mrs. Minerva Martinez, RN: School Nurse
Ms. Peggy Matanic: English 11, MAP, English 11, Composition, Theatre Arts, Tech Theatre, World Literature, STAND sponsor, GSA sponsor
Jordan Mayer: English 11, Debate, Speech, Competitive Speech, Speech & Debate Director
Mrs. Penny Mayer: Athletics
Mrs. Cindy McCoy: West Lake aide

James McNabney: Composition, English 11 & 9, World Literature
Mrs. Lisa Mella: West Lake teacher, English
Mrs. Joan Miller: West Lake teacher
Mrs. Donna Murray: West Lake aide
Mrs. Ellen Naumoff: Study hall supervisor

Mrs. Teresa Needles: West Lake teacher
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan: Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Student Government sponsor
Mr. Morgan Nolan: Assistant Principal, Link Crew sponsor, SAC sponsor
Mr. Raymond Palasz: Auditorium Director, Thespians sponsor
Mr. Mathew Pavlovich: Lifesaving, PE, Girls' & Boys' Swimming coach

Mrs. Kim Peirick: AP Computer Science, Web Design
Ms. Valerie Pflum: Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calc B/C, Girls' Soccer coach, CEC 10 sponsor, NHS sponsor
Mrs. Gabrielle Bruhn: Biology, AP Biology
Ms. Beth Raspopovich: MAP, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, ISTEP+ Lab, Softball coach, CEC 11 sponsor
Mr. Andrew Robinson: Piano, Choir, SING, SONG, Chorale

from **student** to **teacher**

1998

Mr. Fortner's faculty photo from 1998 Paragon

Mrs. LaPorte's senior photo from 1998 Paragon

Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, social studies teacher, MHS class of 1998; recalls her high school experience with her old teacher Mr. Don Fortner, fellow social studies instructor, and shares her thoughts about working with him all these years

Mrs. LaPorte, how did you feel about Mr. Fortner in high school?

In high school I did not really know much about Mr. Fortner. He was just my strict volleyball coach and annoying typing teacher.

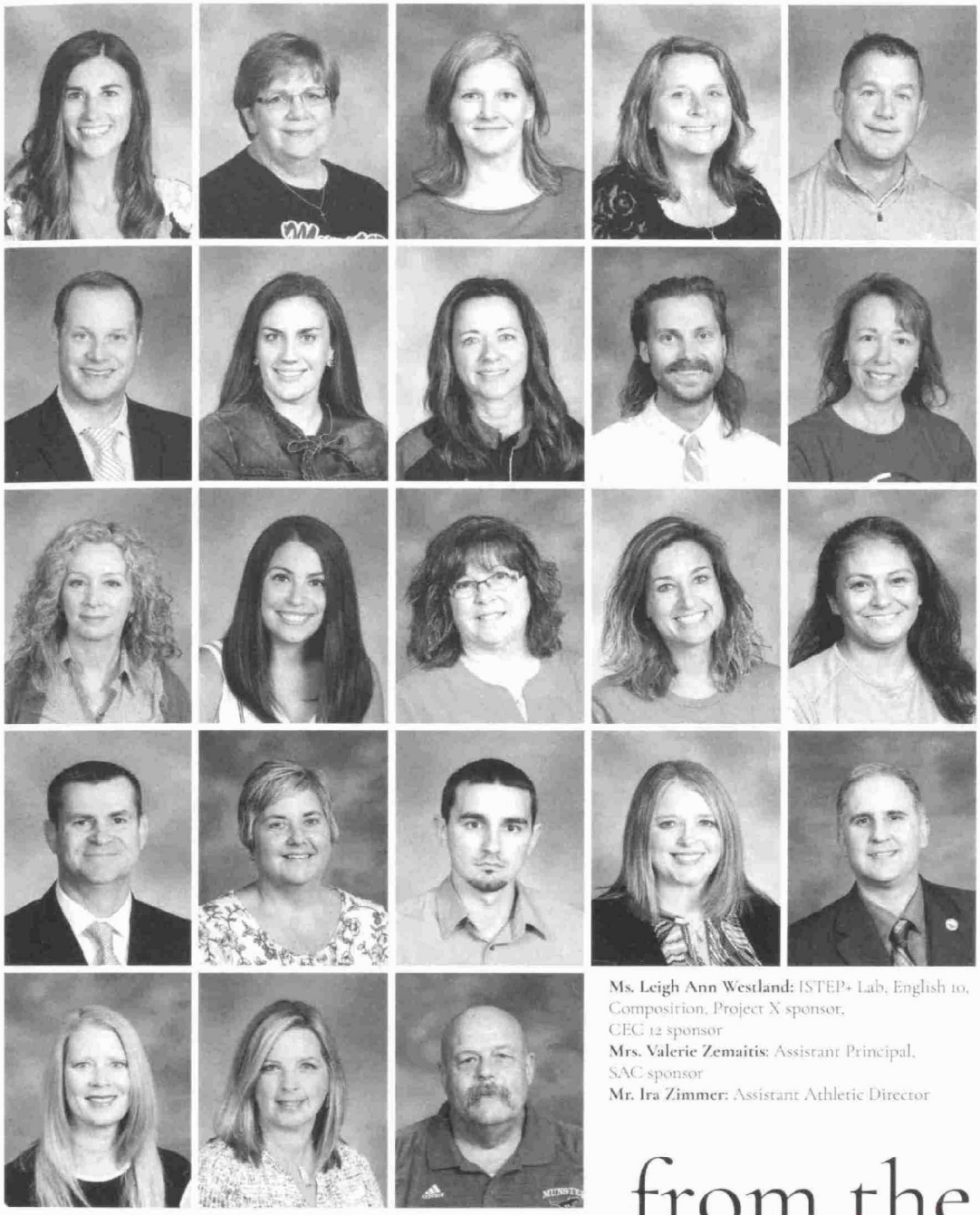
When you found out you would be teaching with him what did you think?

Coming back to Munster was bittersweet. It felt weird teaching at my old high school but it was nice because I knew what to expect. It was weird at first to work with my old teacher only because I had never known him like that.

How do you feel about him now?

I think it is ironic that kids see teachers as adversaries; we see them as trying to make our lives harder. Once you get to know them on a personal level, it's like, "Oh." It is cool to look back on the different relationships Mr. Fortner and I had. We went from student and teacher to friend and friend. He is a really great person. It is fun to laugh about the past and how we've both evolved as individuals.

"Alphonzo Franks and I were having a disagreement in the hallway and a teacher thought I was being bullied so I had to explain to her that I was not being bullied and we were friends." **Zach Beerling, 10**



Ms. Brianne Rubesha: AP Biology, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Girls' JV Basketball coach
Mrs. Judy Sayre: West Lake aide
Ms. Charity Schmidt: PE
Mrs. Caryn Simpson: West Lake aide
Mr. Bill Smitka: US History, Modern World History, Boys' & Girls' Golf coach

Mr. Robert Snyder: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Bridget Speranza: Orchestra director
Mrs. Mary Spina: Athletic Trainer
Mr. Steven Stepnoski: AP Composition, English 10
Mrs. Veronica Stewart: Student Services

Mrs. Florencia Stoll: Spanish III & V
Ms. Kristen Szafasz: Modern World History, Sociology, Advanced Sociology, CEC 11 sponsor, Civics Club Sponsor
Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: Media Center
Mrs. Chrianne Terry: School Counselor
Mrs. Olimpia Tienstra: Athletics

Ms. Steven Tripenfeldas: Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Sharon Vail: School Counselor
Ms. Dusan Vidovic: Algebra I & II, CEC 9 sponsor
Ms. Josia Visi: West Lake aide
Mr. Michael Wells: Principal

Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: ISTEP+ Lab, English 10, Composition, Project X sponsor, CEC 12 sponsor
Mrs. Valerie Zemaitis: Assistant Principal, SAC sponsor
Mr. Ira Zimmer: Assistant Athletic Director

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School Counselors
Mrs. Jessica Sanchez: School Counselor

Teachers
Mr. Jake Argenta: Business, Basketball
Mrs. Jessica Baird: Math, SADD sponsor
Mr. Mike Coil: Science, CEC 12 sponsor
Mr. David Dausch: Social Studies
Mr. Jim Davidson: Industrial Tech, Girls' Basketball
Mrs. Elena Lopez: Art, Art Club
Mr. Steven Lopez: Social Studies
Mr. Patrick O'Neill: Science, Academic Teams
Ms. Stephanie Peterson: French, French Club, Color & Winter Guard
Mr. Jim Prasopoulos: West Lake, Boys' Soccer
Mr. Robert Shinkan: Math, Baseball
Mr. Nathaniel Thompson: Science, eSports

Support Staff
Mr. James Dancy: Head Custodian
Mrs. Tracie Metcalf: Guidance
Ms. Ally Novotney: Attendence
Mrs. Mary Seberger: Bookkeeper
Mrs. Jackie White: Guidance
Mrs. Lisa Wilson: Main office
Mrs. Dana Ziel: Principal's secretary

West Lake
Mrs. Cameron Cain: Dean
Mr. Robert Goulding: Aide
Ms. Amanda Hudson: Psychologist
Mrs. Sandi Kurowski: Physical Therapist
Ms. Pat Labeots-Keilman: Aide
Mrs. Kim O'Banion: Aide
Mrs. Janice Phutawon: Aide
Mrs. Kristi Rogers: Aide
Ms. Deb Sanders: Speech Pathologist

from the board

Guess the teachers' handwriting

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b Ms. Haussman
c Mrs. Stoll

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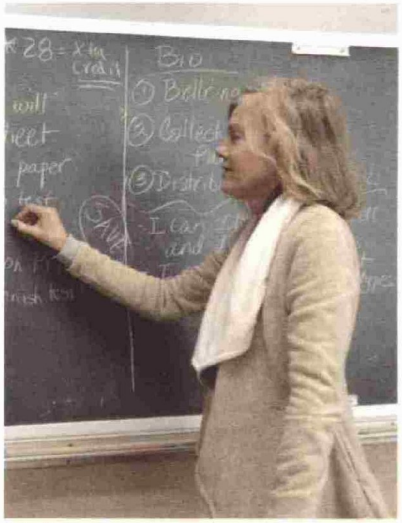


chalk one up for instructions

During her plan period, Mrs. Judith DeYoung, science teacher, writes on her chalkboard. She was writing directions for her classes who were starting a project about biometrics. "I liked to keep it old school," Mrs. Deyoung said. "Writing on my chalkboard was more convenient for me, and I have always written my directions that way."
Photo by Vanessa Situ

Photo by Charlie Hofferth

"I've known Addy since we were three years old from playing soccer together. We got along really well, she's my best friend because she's so funny and she's just like me." **Riley Portone, 12**

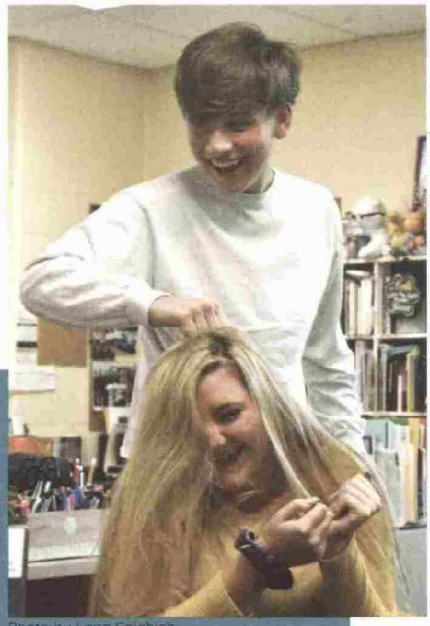


Photo by Lana Salahieh

Sitting in the stands, **Riley Portone** and **Addy Andello**, seniors, watch a soccer game. "We were doing the handshake that we do on the soccer field," Riley said. "We were practicing before our game."

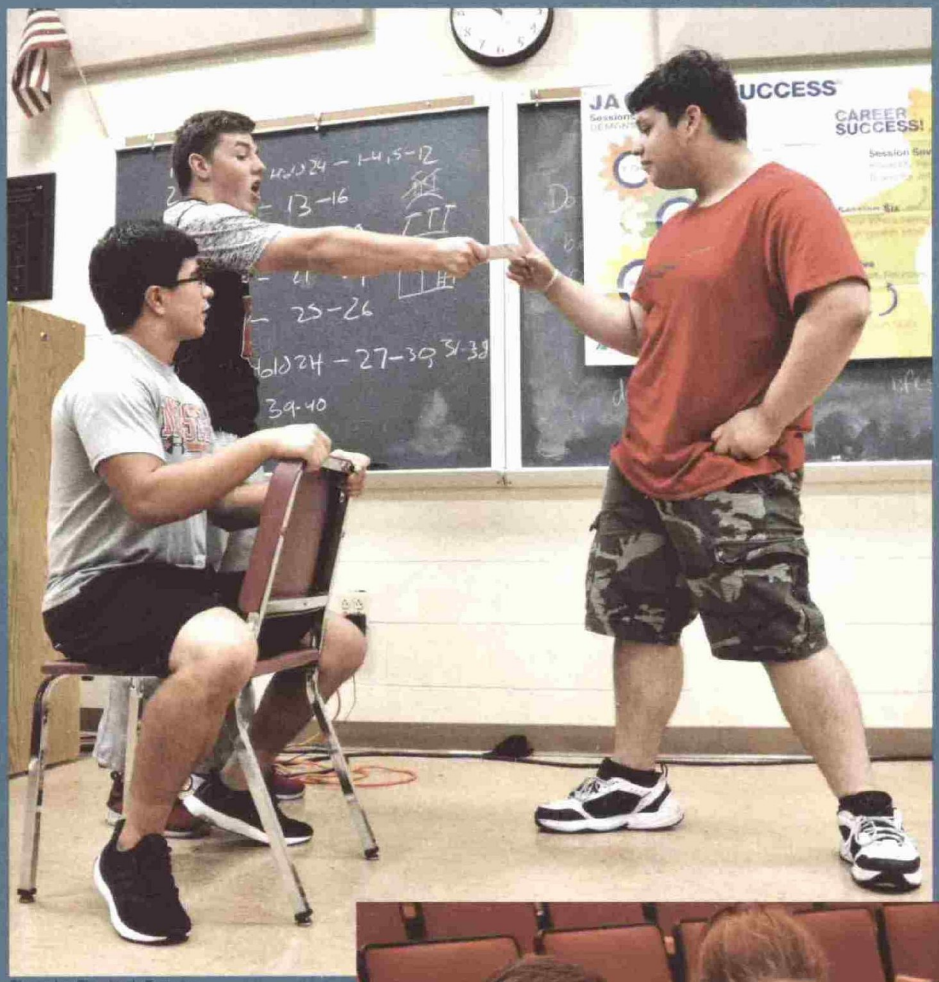


Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

While the rest of the school was PSAT testing, **Andrew Calderon**, **Jonah Clark** and **Nico Calderon**, seniors, participated in activities for Junior Achievement. "It definitely helped the time go by a lot quicker because it was a very long presentation," Andrew said.

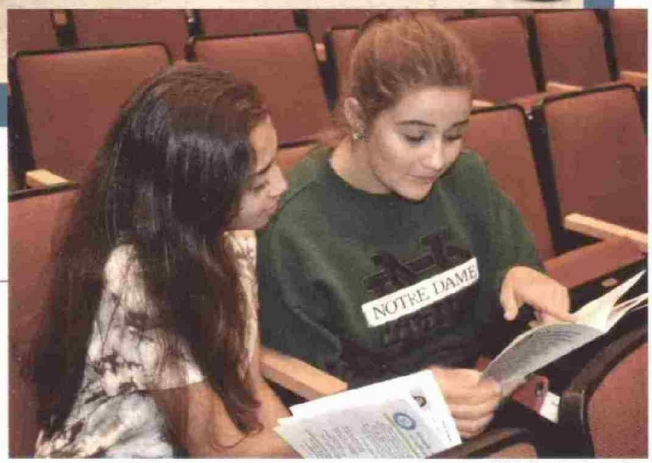


Photo by Vanessa Situ

Sitting in on a rehearsal, **Cynthia Vazquez** and **Maria Barron**, sophomores, look at the playbill for "The Most Curious Phenomenon." "We both didn't have anything to do, so I asked her to go watch it with me," Cynthia said.

"In seventh grade at basketball practice, Devin Hawkins got shoved into a locker and was stuck." **Alphonzo Franks, 11**

While participating in team building during Color, **Charlie Hofferth**, junior, gives **Megan Szymanski**, senior, a noogie. "I took a dare for Nadia [Perdue]," Megan said. "All three of the boys decided to give me a noogie and Charlie did it the worst."

to you

Sure, a lot of high school is just you—except all the times when it's not. All the times where you're going on morning Dunkin' runs in your friend's packed car, praying you won't be late to first period. All the times you're working on a group project over facetime because you've procrastinated too long. All the times you've managed to win your games, even when your whole team felt unsure. All the times where it's not just you, it's the parts and pieces of us all together, from me **to you.**

Before band rehearsal, **Serena Alvarez**, junior, and **Gabby Nieves**, freshman, joke around and warm up their instruments. "My favorite part about rehearsal is setting up for it because I like seeing the process that goes into everyone getting ready and seeing the show start," Gabby said.

Photo by Lana Salahieh

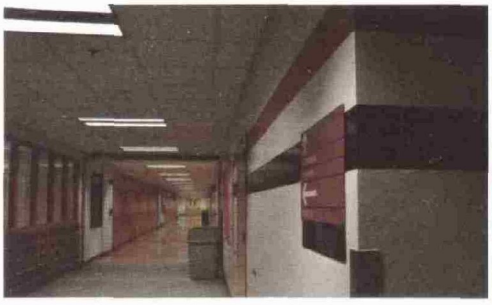
"At tennis practice, Sami (Muhrez) hit the ball so far it landed on the roof." **Devin Hawkins, 11**

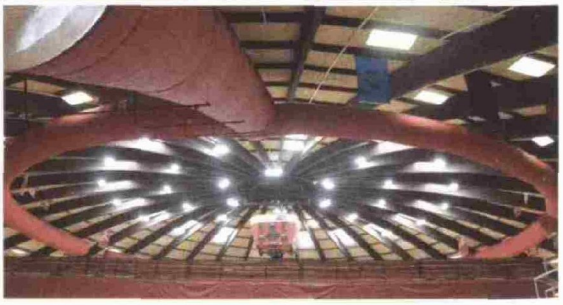
all business
At the phone that he uses to make an announcement to the school over the PA system, Mr. Robert Snyder, Assistant Principal, sits at his desk. Mr. Snyder enjoys working and considers it one of the best places ever. "I think this is a great place," Mr. Snyder said. "We have fantastic families, good teachers, and amazing kids. I've worked in other schools and I think that this place is really special." Photo by Vanessa Situ

moving forward

over the summmer, the school received a series of updates both small and large. when students started their first day, they gawked at all the new details. from the paint throughout the south side of the building to the new doors in front of the gym, students got to see a renewal of the building from referendum funds.

no paint, no gain Fresh paint coats the walls next to the cafeteria. The walls were painted from solid beige to a red, white, and black striped pattern over the summer. The entire hallway smelled like paint for a month into the school year. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **red-y or not** Going to his locker Caleb Erke, senior, gets his materials for the school day. After the lockers were painted red over the summer, the insides were left as their original green color. "The lockers make me uncomfortable," Caleb said. "They look the inverse of a watermelon." Photo by Vanessa Situ **hit the gym** The new air conditioning in the gym keeps students the feeling cool during school assemblies, gym class and games. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca





"In first grade Mira (Fefferman) and I found out we had the same birthday and we were so excited because we would get double the treats." **Sami Muhrez, 11**

have a mustang day

a history of one of the school's most iconic phrases

Story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

Let's start with this: you just sat down and your teacher is trying to start up class when the overhead speakers chime.

Mr. Robert Snyder, Assistant Principal, has come over the intercom to the school and relaying to you important information. You listen to him, but deep down, you know what's coming. You are waiting for the moment at the very end of the message when Mr. Snyder says, "Thank you, and have a Mustang Day!"

"There are a number of times throughout the course of the year where we do have to page in remind (the student body) of things that we think are important," Mr. Snyder said. "We want to make sure that everybody is aware of what certain deadlines are, and so we have to do those public service announcements."

Mr. Snyder realized that his announcements needed to be impactful to everyone. "I always felt like chiming in was important because it was a way to make sure that everybody heard the same message," Mr. Snyder said. "I always felt bad just saying, 'Thank you,' and hanging up the phone. So I wanted to say something that I thought would be summative of the great place that our school is."

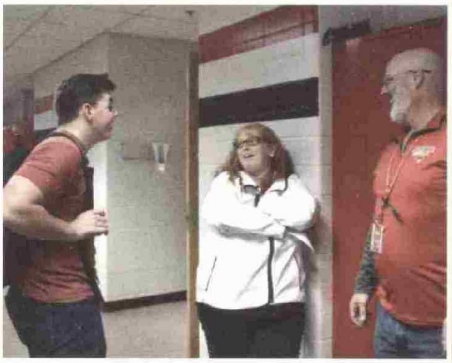
"The first time that I said, 'Have a Mustang Day,' was about six years ago," he said. "I had written out some announcements and put that at the end of it. I said it on the PA system, and for whatever reason, that phrase seemed to be something that has lingered on in the air here ever since."

Much to Mr. Snyder's sadness some students like Angela Ortega, junior, actively dislike and discourage the use of the phrase.

"I don't like it," Angela said. "It doesn't make any sense to me at all."

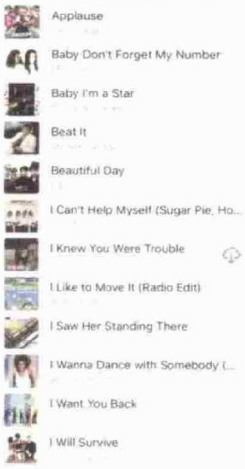
Other students like Joel Flores, freshman, disagree with Angela's opinion of the phrase. "On a scale of five, the amount I like that phrase is a four," Joel said.

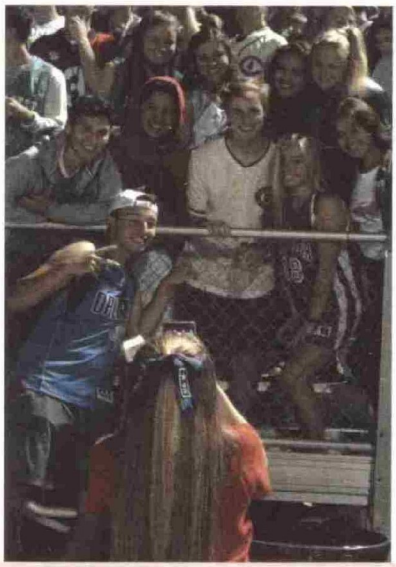
music to my ears



all that jazz

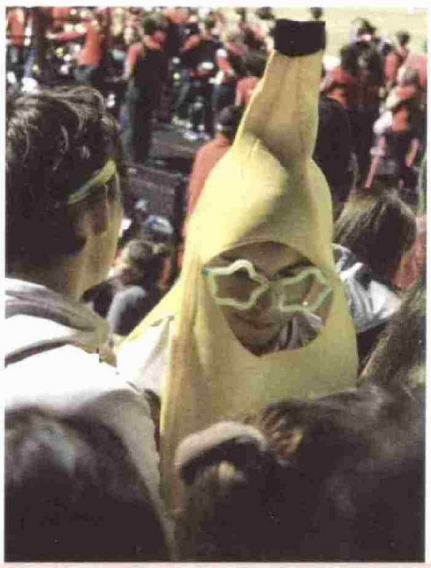
Standing in the remodeled hallway during passing period, Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher, plays music from her magnetic speaker on the locker for Jonah Clark, senior, and Mr. Andrew Martin, math teacher. The speaker played music almost every day. "My playlist was 15 hours long and had about 230 songs," Pflum said. Photo by Vanessa Situ, Screenshots provided by Ms. Valerie Pflum





student selfie

Mikayla Collins, Maddie Lakomek, Chyan Rangel, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Max Peredes, Cesar Lopez, Nick Pierick, Megan Dedelow, Addy Andello, and Frank Wolf, seniors, pose for a photo for Alyssa Strege. During the football game, the group decided to enjoy a jersey-themed night together. Photo by Sydney Pastor



going bananas

Riley Harris, junior, walks up the stairs to the student section during the Homecoming football game. The theme for the game was neon and everyone wore brightly colored clothing but Riley stood out. "(The banana costume) was more of a joke to be honest. I was just like, 'Let's just be goofy for once.'" Riley said. Photo by Lilia Brunetti

show your school spirit

a question and answer session with Eric Jerge, senior

You were in charge of organizing the student section this year, correct?

"The student section was actually more of a senior class decision. It's just that a few of my buddies (like Scott Farmer and Nick Fies) and I did more of the social media aspect of it and spread the word. Instead of demanding things, we tried to get the whole class involved through a bunch of polls on Twitter. If anyone had any ideas, they were open to contact us through texting or coming up to us. Whatever sounded like a good idea, we would throw out there."

What were these themes like?

"We did a lot of basic themes, because doing simpler stuff would bring more people out to the games. We did a lot of themes that revolved around our school colors, like blackout and whiteout. To switch things up for bigger games, we would do random costumes."

"Joe (Webster) and I went to the same preschool and he was having a disagreement with the teacher and all of a sudden his head was cracked open and he needed to go to the hospital." Mira Fefferman, 11

munster high school *n.*

(no plural) a public high school located in the town of Munster, Ind.
• Munster High School is well known because of its high academic and athletic ranks

story by Abbey Burris

According to Urban Dictionary, Munster High School is described as "full of rich, snobby prudes that look down on anybody not from their town."

The reputation of Munster proceeds it, and some think that just because you go to MHS, you fit that description.

It's the school best known for drama, stress and partying (#munsterfunster).

All students are either try-hards or slackers. If you don't take all AP courses and participate in nine extracurriculars, then you are wasting your time and won't get into an Ivy League college.

After being the first school in Indiana to be STEM certified, the pressure to become a doctor has increased.

You live a certain way, act a certain way and behave in a certain way that marks you as a resident of Munster.

But, you know, it's not all bad.

MHS is **pride** at basketball games, following the win at Sectionals which resulted in an eruption from the student section whose theme was white out.

The **activity** from running around town training for Cross Country, trying to catch the bus after school, or waking up early to leave for the debate meet.

The **inspiration** from your teachers who encourage you to pursue your passions.

The **changes** happening around the school with the new photo murals, redecorating around the Athletic Office, repainting and new tile floor in South.

Creativity walking past lockers decorated with signs for Boys' Swim Sectionals and the upcoming play.

MHS is not perfect. Far from it.

You can't change where you are from or where you go to school, but you can change what it's definition is.

Despite all these negative connotations, the greatest definition of MHS is **you.**

in a small pond

In front of Student Services, Mrs. Deb Deloof, secretary, created a pond for the overwhelming number of origami frogs that appeared across the school during winter.

Photo by Todd McKechnie

old school, new school

Between class periods, students pass the new photo mural in the hallway in front of the main office. The mural was a special project done by Mr. Mike Wells, principal, with photos by Publications photographers.

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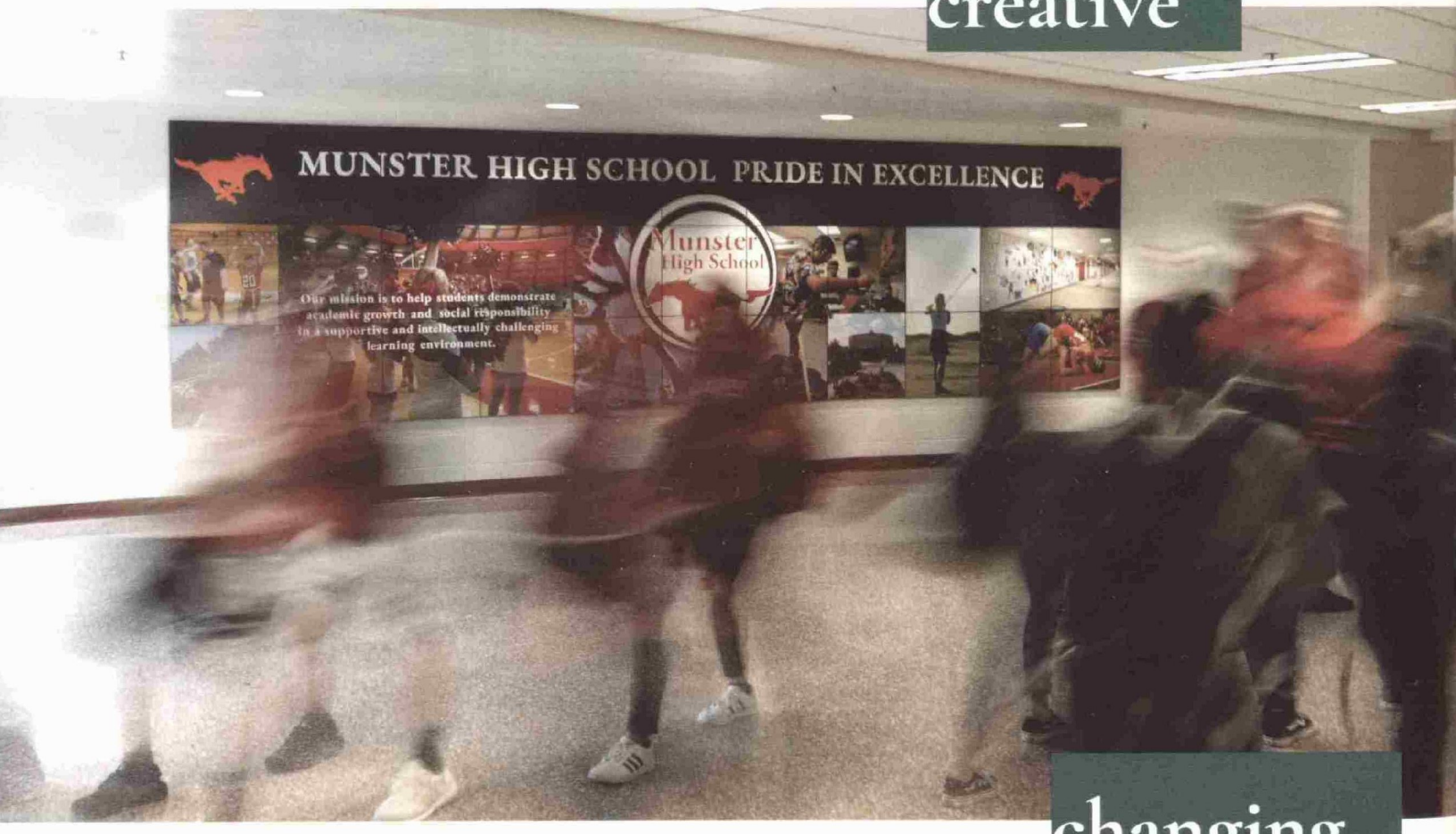
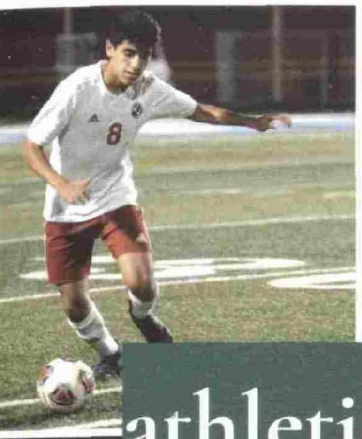
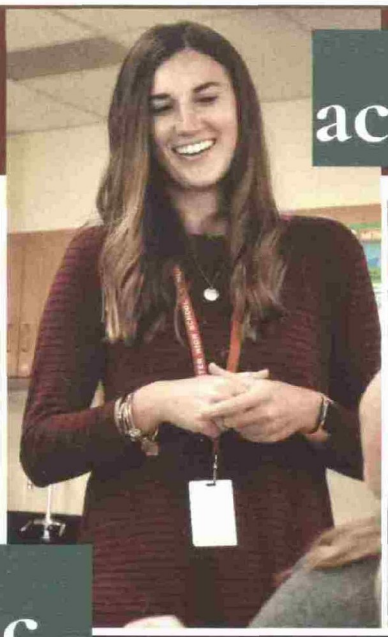


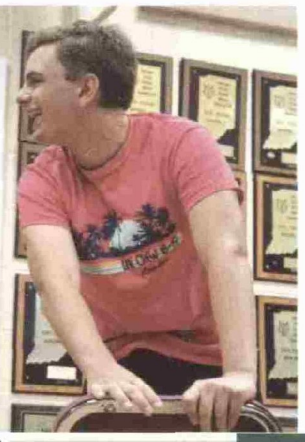
changing

"Holden (Raffin) and I were in Chicago when we got lost and came across a rubber chicken on the sidewalk." **Joe Webster, 11**

academic







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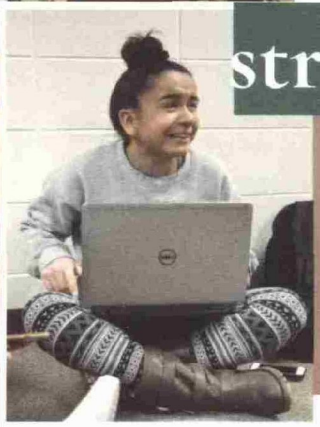

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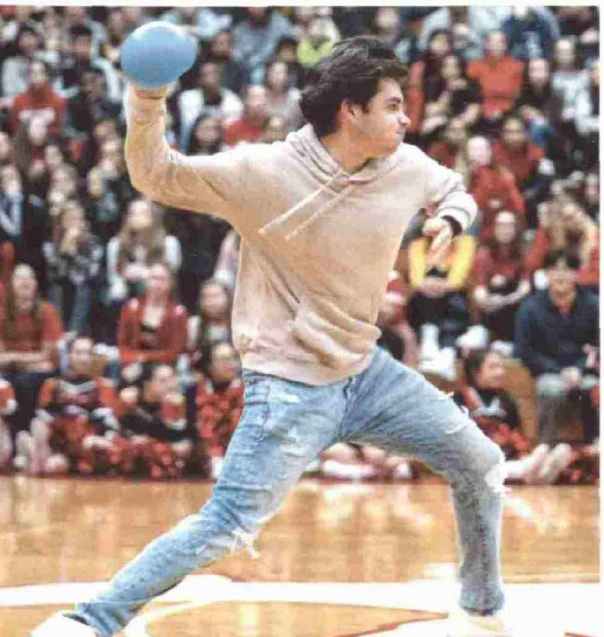
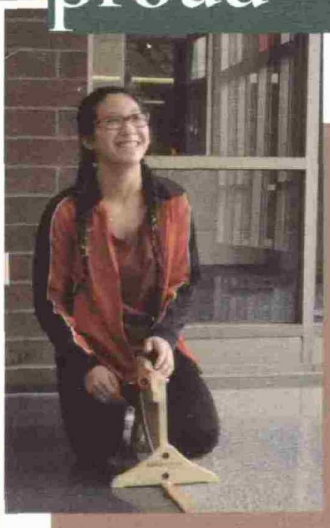




no sweat Striking the ball, Roman Garcia, junior, focuses on the game. "I thought our school was active because it was filled with a lot of people who liked to socialize," Roman said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **head start** While teaching a class, Ms. Brianne Rubesha, science teacher, smiles at her students. "I thought MHS was inspiring because it was a place that provided opportunities to their students," Ms. Rubesha said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **need to succeed** Smiling, Nick Cieslak, senior, expresses his excitement over winning a Junior Achievement academic award. "I tried hard in school because I wanted to further my education and, obviously, do well in college," Nick said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **she's got talent** Tears in her eyes, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, junior, receives first place after her harp performance at Munster's Got Talent. "MHS was talented because everyone was unique in their own way by the way they expressed themselves," Zoe said. Photo by Robert Young **ap stress** Before school, Monica Herrera, senior, studies for one of her AP courses in the band room. "(Being in four AP classes) was really stressful. However, I wouldn't have had it any other way because I would prefer the challenge," Monica said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **full force** Determined, Cade Howard, senior, throws the ball during the student-faculty dodgeball game for the turnabout pep rally. "I thought it was pretty fun because I got to hit Ms. (Leigh Ann) Westland (English teacher), and I got her out about four times," Cade said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **rocket science** For Physics, Mia Tumacder, junior, prepares to launch a marble from her marble launcher. "We had to measure the distance and the angle," Mia said. "With both of those, we could then make an equation." Photo by Todd McKechnie

"Ryan Ramirez and I are both friends with Nick Stephan and during the summers we would hang out a lot with each other." **Holden Raffin, 11**

sharing is caring

story by Mia Terek design by Sydney Pastor

twins discuss sharing more than the same birthday

Twins, they share the same birthday, parents, and often times, similar DNA. Besides the basics, many twins share more than meets the eye.

Ariel and Priscilla Gallardo, sophomores, are fraternal twins and share more than just the same birthday.

"We share things like shirts and jackets. Mostly clothes," Priscilla Gallardo, sophomore, said.

"Were the same size and have the same style. We don't have to go to the store to buy more clothes and it helps to save money," Priscilla said.

Although sharing has its benefits, it can sometimes cause problems.

"Sometimes we'll get in fights because we sometimes don't ask each other to borrow the clothes," Priscilla said. "We usually get over it though."

As well as sharing clothes, the Gallardo twins share a special bond. "We have a close relationship, but if she was older than me, I feel like our relationship wouldn't be the same," Priscilla said. Although, the Gallardo twins occasionally share clothes, Joey and Richie Kicho, freshmen, are identical twins that share almost everything.

"We share a bedroom as well as a lot of our clothes," Richie said. "We also correlate our clothes often. Usually I wear red, and Joey wears blue. We get mixed up a lot so we mostly share our clothes and correlate so people can tell us apart."

For the Kicho twins, having a twins means constantly having a friend to rely on.

"If I ever need anything, Joey probably has it and vice versa," Richie, said. "I could not imagine myself not being a twin."

Although many twins have a close bond, some twins don't go much further than sharing the basics. This is a reality for Andrew and Evan Wittkamp, sophomores, fraternal twins that rarely share anything.

"We barely share," Andrew said. "Our personalities don't really match, which makes it hard to share common things. We really don't have much in common."

money moves

Once a week, Payton Leuldaniel, freshman, gets money from Mr. Gabe Leuldaniel, her father and school safety officer. "If I have a problem, I can go to him," Payton said, "He helps me out with a lot of stuff."

complementing colors

Ariel and Priscilla Gallardo, sophomores, share their clothes often. The shirts to the left are just two of the many shirts the twins trade-off between each other. "If I want to wear something of Priscillas and she wants to wear something of mine, we usually switch," Ariel said.

Photo by Sydney Pastor

ear buds

During 6th hour MRT, sophomore Carmani Shedrick gives Irene Tsakopoulos, sophomore, his headphones everyday. "Irene's headphones don't work, and it makes me feel good to share my headphones with her," Carmani said.

you can wear my sweatshirt

couples show off their significant others' style

Emma Phillips
Ethan Orange

Emma Phillips, sophomore, has borrowed over eight of her boyfriend, sophomore Ethan Orange's sweatshirts "Most of his sweatshirts don't fit me because I am bigger than him, but I make it work," she said.

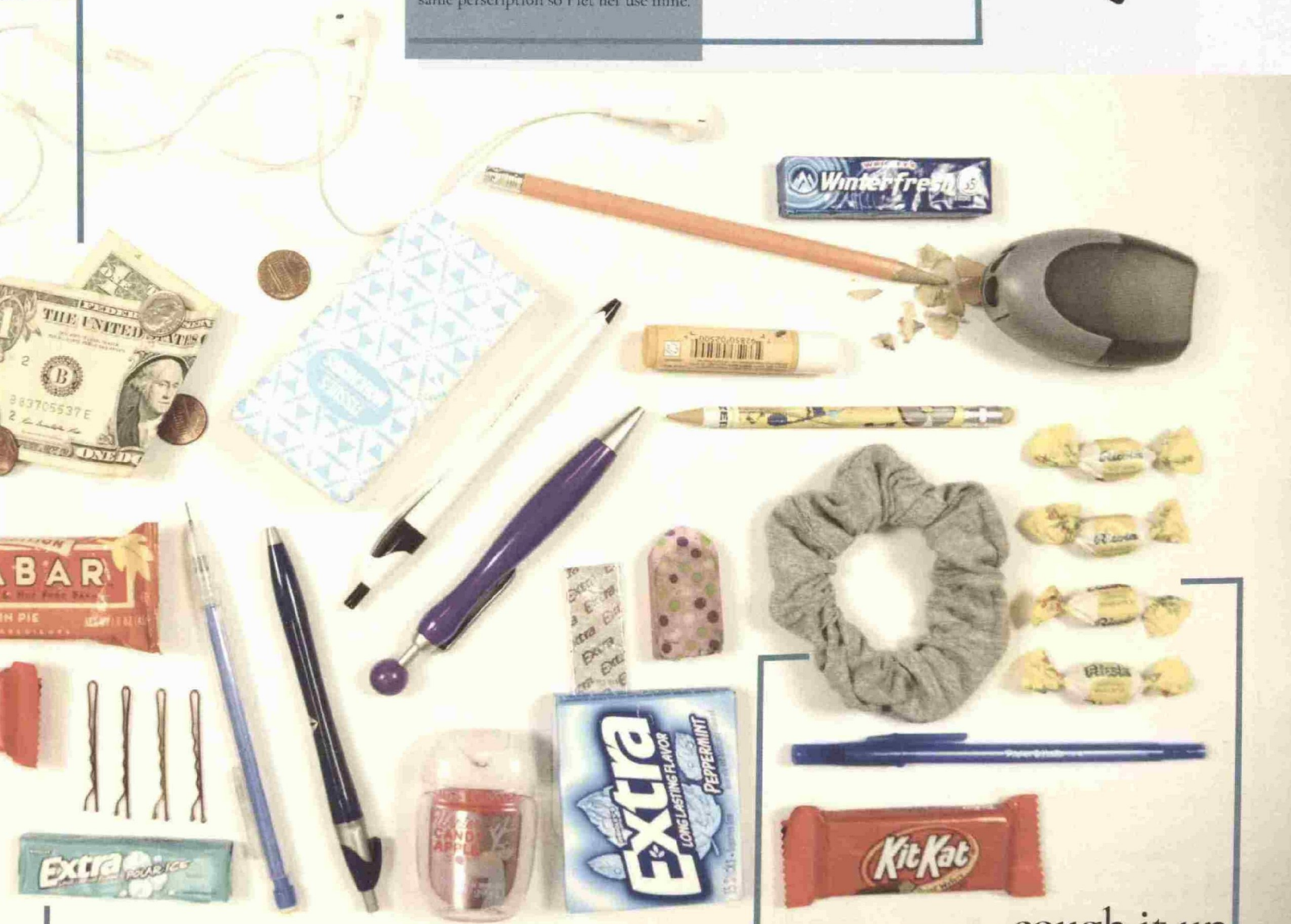
Ella Uylaki
Austin Skeens '18

Senior Ella Uylaki shares a jacket with her boyfriend, Austin Skeens '18. "Places we go together we buy little pins and put them on there so it's kind of both of ours," she said.

"Me and Joey (Hillegonds) are really good friends and we took a trip to Arizona and spent a week together and it was really fun without my parents." Ryan Ramirez, 9

double vision

Many times a week, sophomores, Regan Quandt and Natalia Djurdjevic, share their glasses for certain classes. Since they have the same perscription, they figured it just made sense. "She forgets her glasses a lot," Regan said, "We have the same perscription so I let her use mine."



giving gum

Since the beginning of the school year, Alyssa Sturgis, senior, shares her gum with practically anyone who asks. "I share it because it's just the nice thing to do and most of my friends would share with me," Alyssa said.

scrunchie share

During '80s workout day, Melanie Powers, senior, filled her fanny-pack with scrunchies and let her friends borrow them throughout the day. She shared with fellow seniors Miriam Gonzalez, Kara Bryant, Madison Meyer and Jessica Tucker. "The day before (eighties workout day), I went to the store and I bought a bunch of metallic scrunchies, and all of my friends were snapchatting me asking me, 'What should I wear tomorrow?'" Melanie said, "I decided to help them out and bring a fanny-pack full of scrunchies."

cough it up

Math teacher, Mrs. Jessica Baird, shares mints and cough drops with students to encourage participation. "I had a teacher in high school, my 9th grade English teacher, that during big assessments would give out a mint and a piece of gum," Mrs. Baird said. "If students are in need of something and it's something simple, or small, and it can either make them feel better, or have a little bit better day, it's worth it."

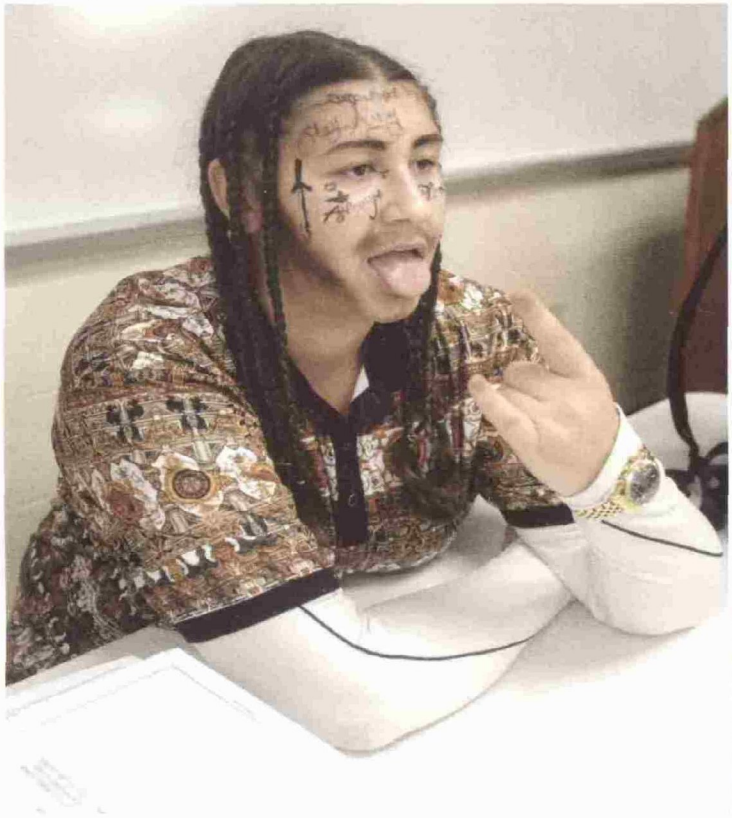
"David (Cordova) and me had a bonfire and we walked around Westlakes. It was fun." Joey Hillegonds, 10

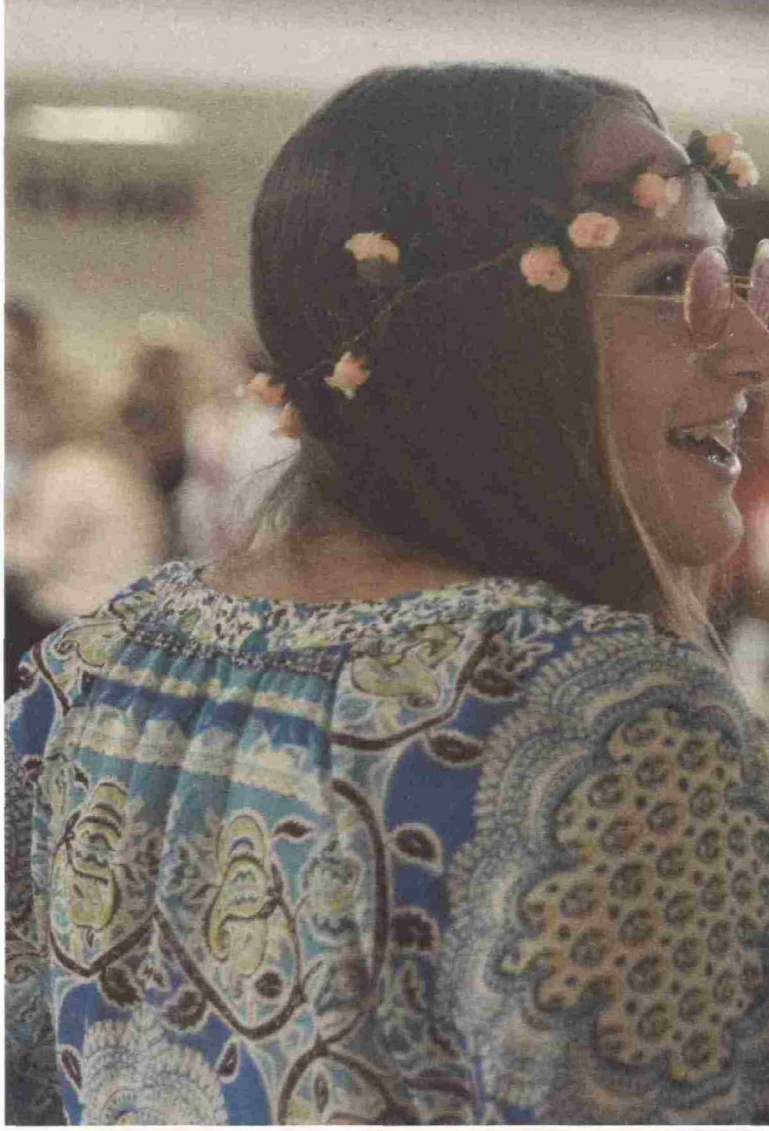
money made me do it

To celebrate Random Costume Day, Cali Grzybowski, senior, dresses as Post Malone. She did her makeup the night before and slept in it. "I've always been really excited for Random Costume Day," Cali said. "I love Post Malone and I like being funny so I thought why not combine the two. I kind of did it for myself, I didn't realize that it was going to blow up." Photo by Lauren Kazy

let's get physical

Donning a flower crown and sunglasses, Claire Powell, junior, celebrates Decades Day. She watched the seniors workout in the commons in the morning. "At lunch we were sitting at our table vibin' with our '70s looks and boys at this other table started playing '80s music," Claire said. "Everyone started singing along and it was the best time ever." Photo by Chloe Lambert



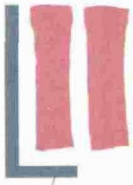


eighties essentials

the accessories needed to create the perfect eighties styled outfit for spirit week

1 a stretchy leotard that allows for bendy dance moves

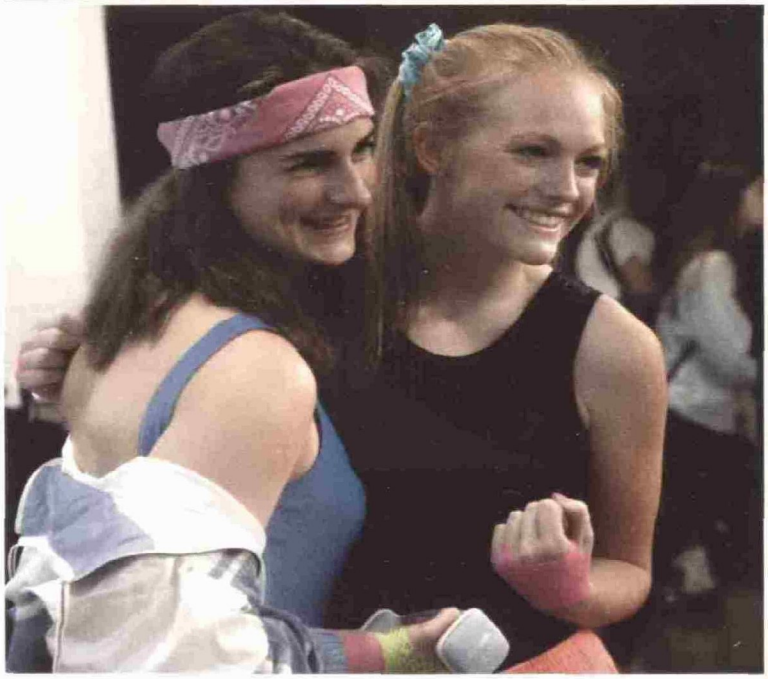
3 a scrunchie to hold up the crimped hair that sits on the top of your head



2 leg warmers to prevent cramping of the muscles while working out in the commons

4 colorful plastic bangals that help accentuate the wrists while lifting mini weights

clothes provided by Isabelle Bednarowski, senior

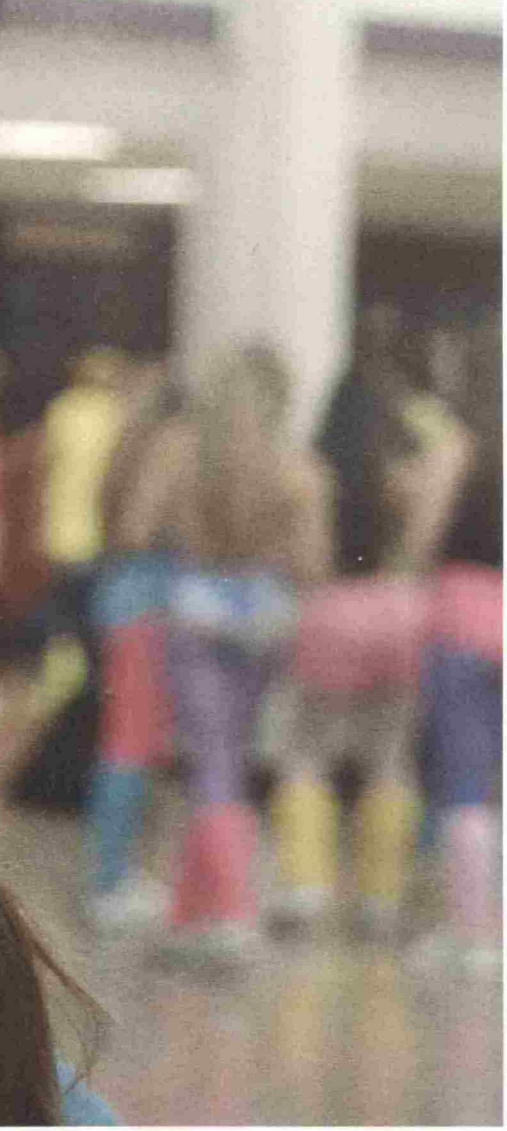


take on me

Dressed in their '80s gear, Kay Foley and Faith Eriks, seniors, pose for a picture. The two participated in the annual morning workout. "I had been waiting for this day for four years," Faith said. "I remember my freshman year when I saw (the workout) I was like 'oh my god I can't wait.' When it finally happened it was honestly one of the best days in high school." Photo by Lilia Brunetti

egg head

For Random Costume Day, Max Peredes and Josh Kim, seniors, dress as a Mariachi Band Member and a scrambled egg. Josh looked for a costume at Party City but gave up when he realized he didn't have enough money. "Luckily my friend had this egg costume that she let me borrow," Josh said. "I am glad I wore a costume. I had lots of fun that day dressing up with all my friends." Photo by Megan Szymanski



in good spirit

story by Kammy Moore

underclassmen discuss spirit week participation

Disney Princesses, Bob Ross and the Scooby gang fill the school. You dodge a senior flying through the halls on roller skates. You watch as a group of kids singing the National Anthem walk past while carrying a giant American Flag.

It's Spirit Week, the one week a year where all normality goes out the window. Though Spirit Week for seniors means a class full of neon or nerds, participation varies for underclassmen. Diana Ayala, junior, was one underclassmen who went all out for Spirit Week this year.

"For the first day I dressed up as Frida (Kahlo)," Diana said. "It took me about an hour to get ready in the morning. I took a scarf to braid my hair then I put the Frida flowers through my hair. I wore a traditional Mexican dress that I had and it took me about twenty minutes to get my unibrow done."

This was for Monday, Movie Character Day, one of the more popular spirit days among the underclassmen. The rest of the days followed as Jersey Day, American Day, Decades Day and Munster Day.

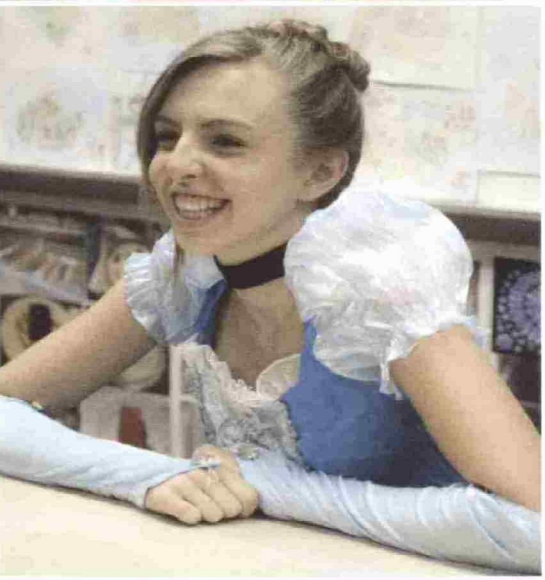
"My favorite day was Decades Day," Diana said, "As a junior, we were the '70s. I wore this gogo girl type dress with gold high heels and big gold earrings. I did my makeup like this one model from the '70s."

Unlike Diana, not all underclassmen took the opportunity to participate. Though Kaylie Eriks, freshman, did participate every day, she noticed the large amount of classmates that did not.

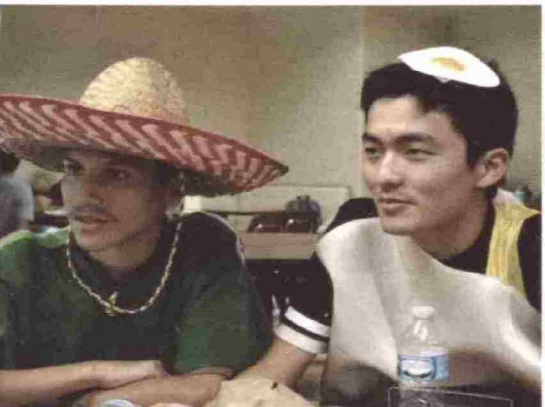
"I had a couple of my friends dress up but not all of them did," Kaylie said. "I know a lot of underclassman didn't. It was okay if they didn't want to, but you just had to stay in the spirit. I was just thinking about having fun with it."

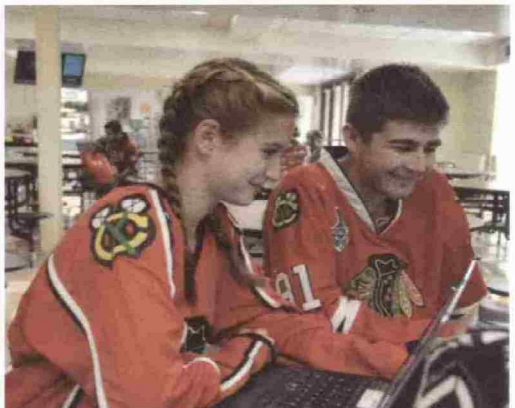
Diana shared a similar opinion.

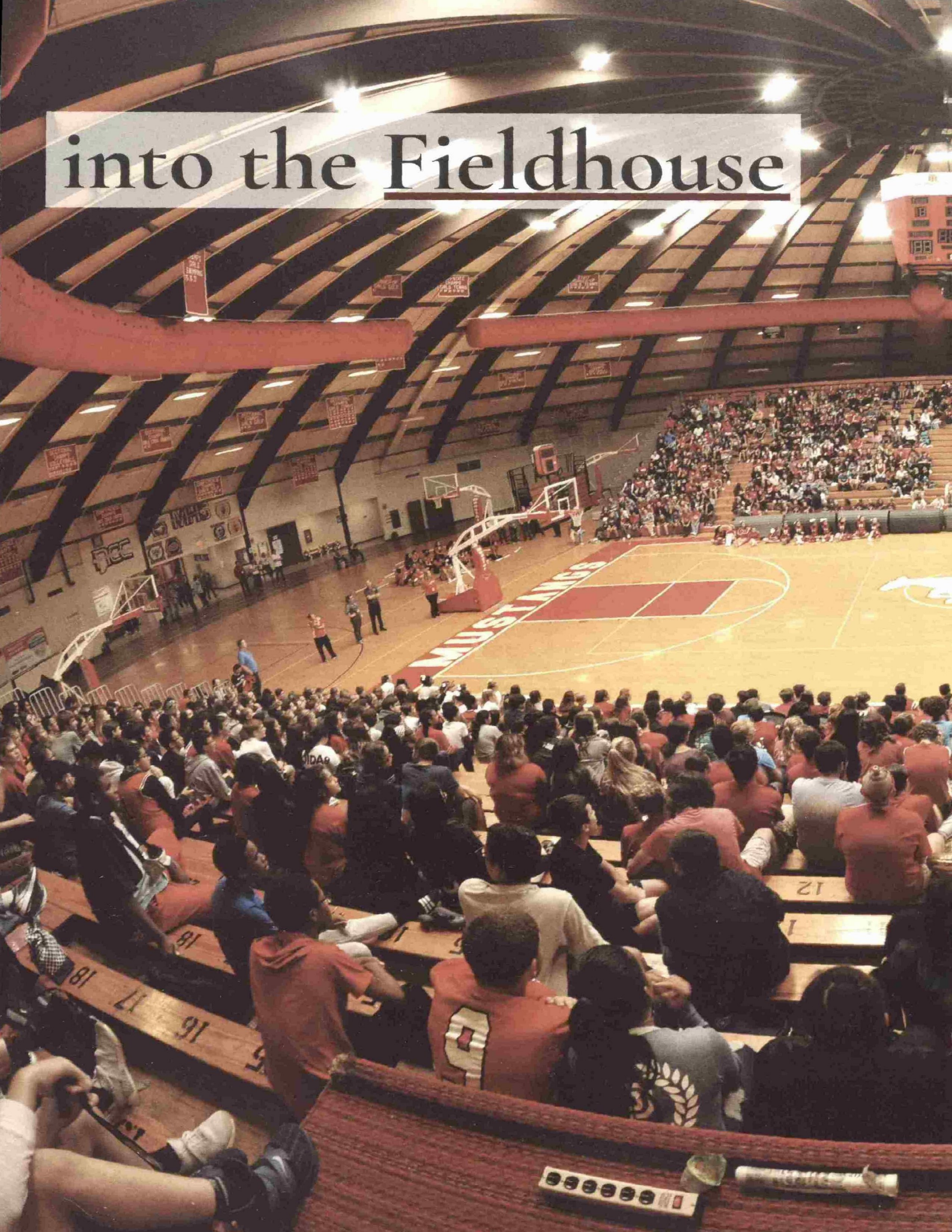
"It kind of made me sad," Diana said. "You get the high school experience only once. Like yeah, you get four years but I felt like you shouldn't wait until your senior year. I felt like we should all really try to really enjoy the high school spirit and community while we still had it."



if the shoe fits Sitting in her French class, Karolina Sroka, senior, wears her Cinderella costume. Her friend group all dressed as Disney Princesses for Random Costume Day. "I wasn't even focused in school I was more focused on everyday planning of the outfit," Karolina said. Photo by Lilia Brunetti **nerd out** During passing period, Tim Radke, senior, waits to meet up with his friends. He used a lot of clothes he owned and his sister's gear from last year. "I was really in my nerd mojo," Tim said. "Nerd day was probably my favorite day because everyone was telling me I had the best costume." Photo by Vanessa Situ **chelsea dagger** Enjoying their 50 minute lunch, Emma Higgason and Aiden Chism, juniors, celebrate Jersey Day. Their whole table wore Blackhawks jerseys for the spirit day. "I wore Marian Hossa's jersey because it was the best jersey I owned," Aidan said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca






into the Fieldhouse
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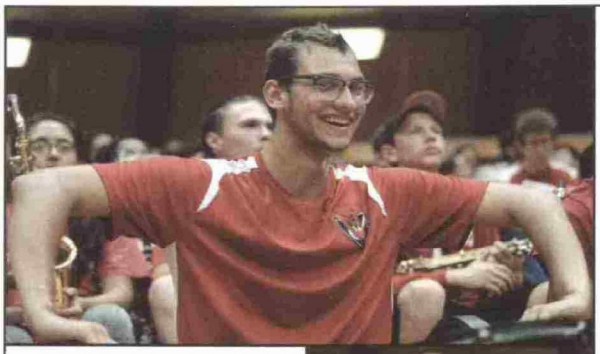
a mustang view

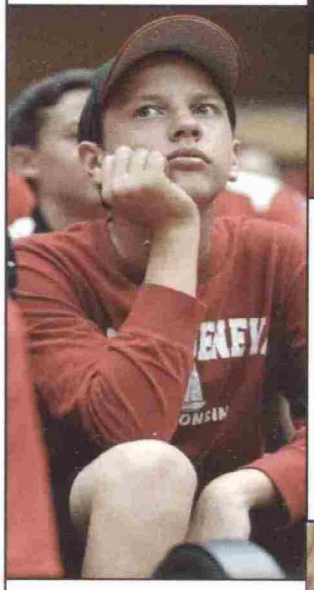
During the Homecoming Pep Rally, Paragon let eleven photographers loose in the Fieldhouse to photograph as many students as possible. Here are sixty-five of them, providing a portrait of the student body on Homecoming afternoon.



Eric Jerge and Vanessa Koultourides, seniors, pose for a picture before lining up with the Homecoming Court.

How did you guys meet?
Vanessa: In kindergarten, we had the same teacher.

How was the pep rally for you?
Eric: The pep rally was a lot fun. Being part of the parade and the whole experience was great with Vanessa since we've been friends for such a long time.



Daniel Tabaczynski, sophomore, watches on from the band section.

Where were you sitting at the pep rally? I was sitting in the middle of the bleachers with the band.

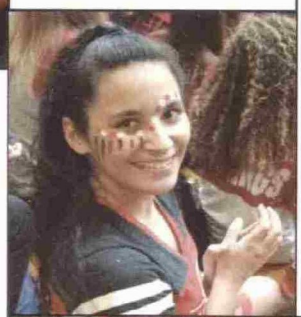
Do you play in the band? Yeah, I play the saxophone. It's pretty fun, kind of challenging.

Were you all in the same Homecoming group?
Annie: For those of us who went, yeah. We took pictures together and the ones that didn't met us at Andrew's after, so we all hung out anyway.

How did you guys end up sitting together?
Andrew: I got stuck with them, our eighth hours are all together so I walked with them and sat.

How did you guys become friends?
Patricia: We met through middle school. Our groups have changed a lot through the years but we have always been friends.

Kristina Sosic, Patricia Proctor, Annie Foriet and Andrew Syneo, juniors, enjoy the pep rally together.

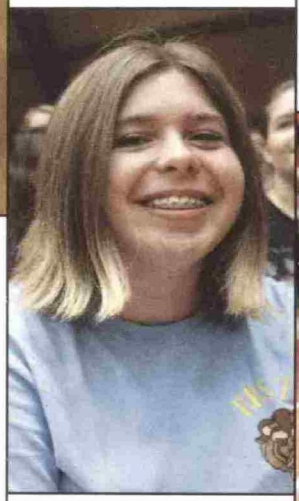


Jake Whitaker, junior, plugs his Youtube channel.

What were you doing during the pep rally? I was screwing around with Shane (Hoogewerf, junior), who was next to me. He's my tenor buddy and my best friend. We were just chilling.

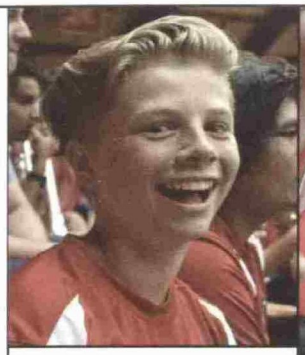
What's it like marching in the parade before hand? The parades are fun, but they're hard because they hurt my legs and my arms and my back and my shoulders, and they just hurt. But they're fun because I get attention and I love that.

What do you do during your free time? Sleep or play piano or play video games or sleep. I also record videos with my friends. They kind of go into our personal life, but it's just a group of friends hanging out but there's a camera there and I think that's cool. youtube.com/adventureslive. subscribe.



How was your first pep rally at Munster? I was surprised about the amount of people that were in a confined space because there were so many students. I have never seen so many students express their love to their sports in the middle of the gym. That was so different to me. I actually liked that because I love being part of sports.

Mia Mora, senior, shows her spirit with face paint.

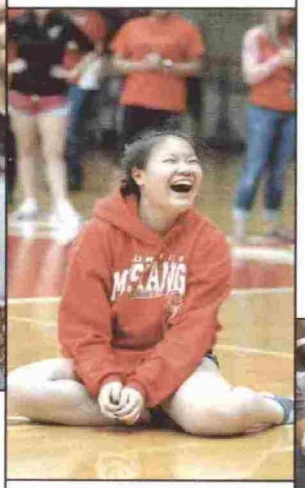


Henry Hofferth, freshman, smiles big for the camera.

What is something most people don't know about you? Most people don't know that I'm in band. I play the trumpet, it's fun.

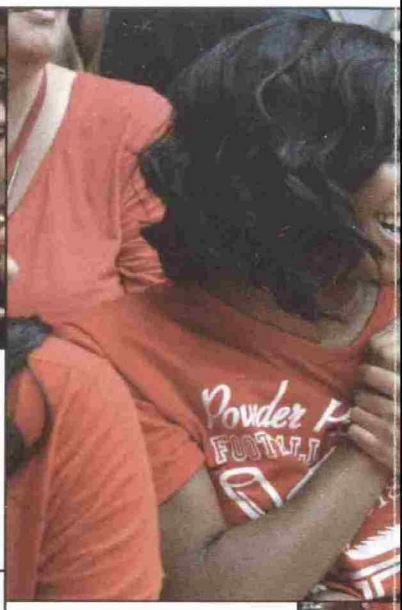
What's something not many people know about you? I can be very secretive. Even though with my friends, I can be really loud with them, but there are actually things they don't know about me.

Casey Wallace, junior, chats about her personality.



Megan Sauranta, senior, laughs after tripping and falling on the court.

Can you explain what is happening in this photo? In this photo, I just wanted a free burger. I didn't really care what I had to do, I just wanted free food. When she (Kayla Prowell, senior) called patterned socks, I had my goldfish socks on, and I went running down the bleachers. The Adidas's that I was wearing were laced loosely, and when I was running down from the stands, I was trying to get my shoes off. It didn't work out and I fell. I didn't want to make a huge deal out of it but my knee hurt like crap. My knee hurt so badly and I was super embarrassed. Even though I look like a crazy freak in that photo, at the time I decided just to laugh it off.

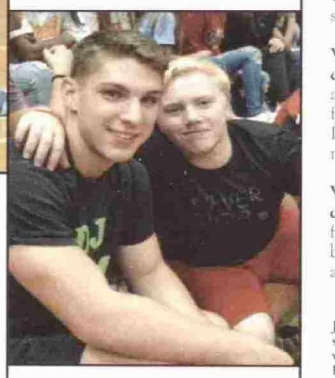


Miah Abritton and Leah Alicia, seniors, laugh together.

How did you two meet?
Leah: We started going to school in kindergarten, and we have been friends ever since.

How would you describe your friendship?
Miah: We're very open and honest with each other. We both want what is best for each other so we try not to be fake.

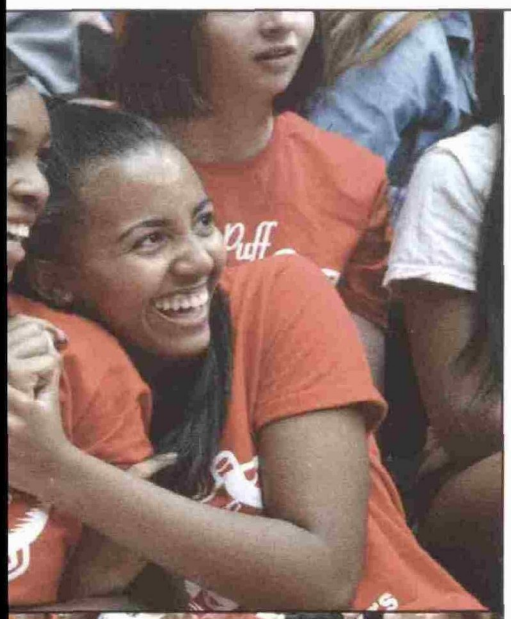
What are you laughing at in this picture?
Miah: We were laughing because Megan fell trying to race down the bleachers to win the game of random items.

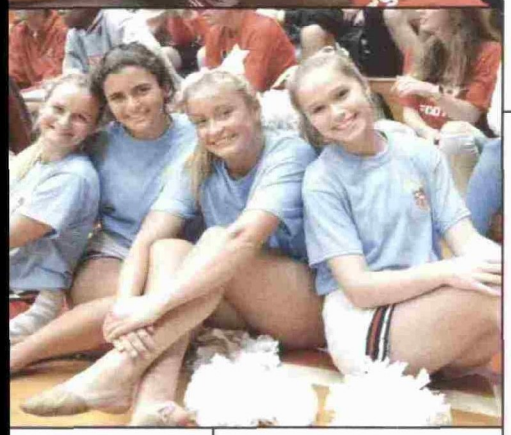


Dominick Reda, Presley Simpson, juniors, discuss pep rally games.

What was your favorite part of the pep rally?
Presley: My favorite part was when Dom jumped over the mats for the cheerleaders to show his keys.

What was your favorite part of the pep rally?
Dominick: If you had your wallet on you, then you would run out there and win something, then I did tug of war and that was fun.



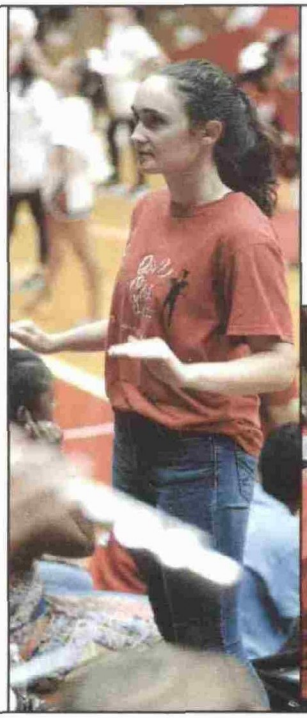


Catie Gilhooly, senior, conducts the pep band after marching in the Homecoming parade.

What's on your shirt? It's the shirt from my very first marching band show Girl in the Red Dress which was 2013. That was my seventh grade year so I've been doing band for six years.

What's it like finally being a senior and having it be over? It's weird that it's over, but I'm excited to move on to bigger and better things. I've made my peace with it and I'm ready to say goodbye to this section of my life. Music will always be something I love but I'm working on it being a past part of my life.

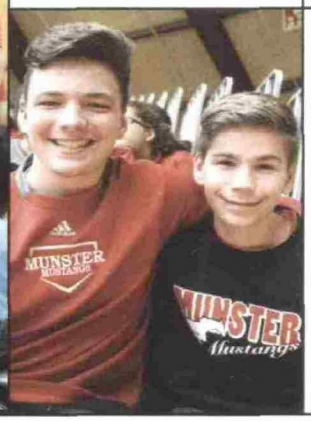
What's it like partaking in this activity for so long? It's definitely a learning experience. I've gotten to play all the different roles. It was really cool going through that progression and getting to do new things.



Madison Butler, junior, sits in the bleachers.

Instead of the pep rally where would you rather have been? I would of rather been at home, laying in bed, watching TV and sleeping.

How would you describe yourself? I would describe myself as boring.



Brendan Olsen and Tyler Tyson, juniors, chat about pep rally together.

How did you and Tyler become friends?
Brendan: He was in one of my cooking classes and we just started talking and we've been friends ever since.

How do you feel about p rallies?
Brendan: They're cool. They're a good way to hyp up the game.

Pep Rally

Sept. 21, 2018

The Fieldhouse

2:05 - 2:55 p.m.

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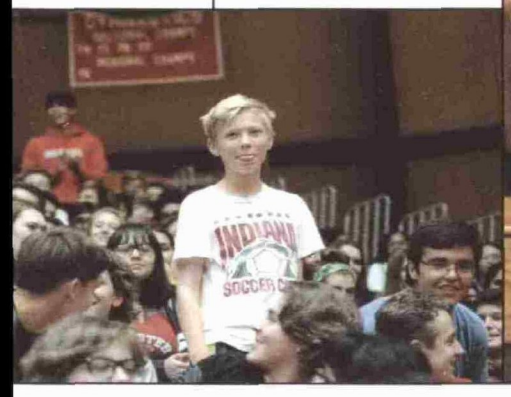
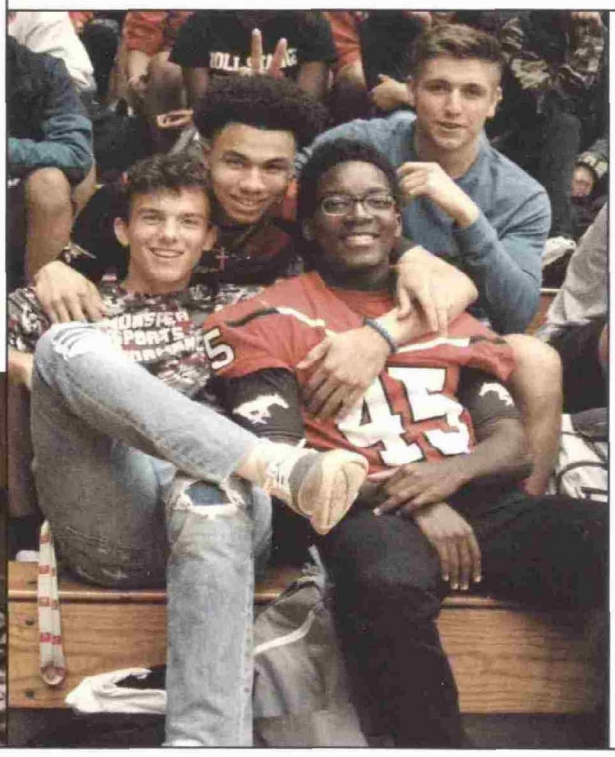
Payton Poulston, Layna Kounelis, Abbey Ruckurt, and Stephanie Niemiec, juniors, pose before their performance.

What is your favorite memory on the team?
Stephanie: Going to state in March is really fun because we get to compete on a stage floor in front of people who have the same passion rather than on a gym floor.

How do you feel about school spirit as a dancer?
Stephanie: It's really nice to have an audience because you get really tired during the dances and, for me, that extra motivation and affirmation that you're doing a good job makes you feel better about everything.

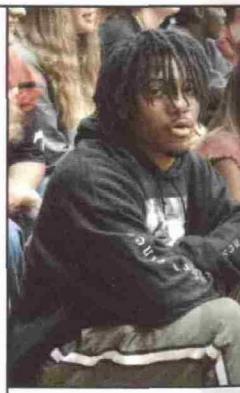




Luke Davidson, Jevon Morris, Jelani Warner, and Blake Steponovich, seniors, bring it in for a hug and discuss friendship and experiencing their final Homecoming Pep Rally together.

What's your friendship with Jelani like?
Luke: Me and Jelani have a really close friendship actually. We kind of related on some of our personal situations together. It's nice to have someone from totally different side of the world to relate to you. That's kind of cool.

Do you remember how you were feeling knowing that it was your last pep rally?
Jelani: It was sad but I was happy because I got to see everybody. The girls do their dance thing and seeing all that for the last time was cool. I would say I was happy when I saw Cole shoot his shot.



Bryce Bullock, senior, also known as rapper Famous Beezy, chews on a Capri Sun straw.

How did you get into making music? It was my sophomore year, and this boy made a song and everybody was talking about it was doing decent and I was like, well I've been listening to hip-hop my whole life, so I could probably do it. So I just d it and it worked.

Arianne Sudral and Monica Herrera, seniors, sit on the sideline with the Color Guard.

How long have you been in Color Guard?
Monica: We started in the beginning of seventh grade.

What happened this season?
Monica: I hit myself in the head with a sabre. I cut my forehead open and gave myself a concussion in the middle of the season. It was kind of frustrating having to go elsewhere and watch the Color Guard do stuff that you love. Going to a different section (the pit) was really uncomfortable for me but I had a fun time there and I plan on doing Color Guard in the future so yeah, it was heartbreaking but it's not the end of the world.

What was it like finally completing marching band after doing it for so long?
Arianne: It was really sad because I felt like I grew up with (color guard) and it's sad that it's going away.

Yalissa Rubio, Mianna Papageorge, Lindsey Katalinic, Jorianna Hazel, Beth Calgaro, Alayna Eismin, Gillian Bedenk, and Meli Chioros, juniors, pose on the gym floor.

How did you like the pep rally this year?
Mianna: It was really good especially for the cheer team because we got to perform our competition routine in front of the whole school, which helped us during competition season.

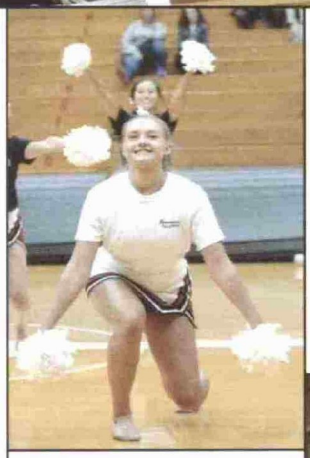
How did you feel at the pep rally?
Beth: The pep rally was super fun. It was so cool to see people get hyped and play games.

What was your favorite thing about watching the pep rally?
Gillian: I would say the reactions from the crowd were fun to see because it was the first time we did our competitive routine in front of everyone.

Kailyn Oganovich, sophomore, performs with the dance team.

Was it a performance specifically for the pep rally or was it one that you guys have been practicing? We did one of the routines that we do at the football games, but we put a new song to it so it would be more appealing to the students.

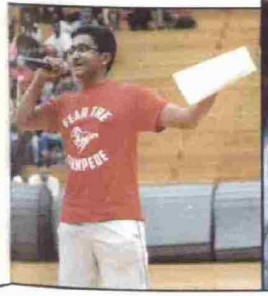
How do you think you performed at the pep rally? I think we performed really well at the pep rally. It felt so good to dance in front of the school and show off all the hard work that we've been putting into the season.



How do you feel about being student body president? It is definitely an honor, but also a huge responsibility. It comes with a lot of work but I appreciate the position I have been given and the responsibility that has been placed on me.

What is the difference to you between leading it and just watching it? Leading it was definitely a lot more nerve-wracking than just watching it, everyone in the school was watching you. It was also a lot of fun because I got to be that person that was pumping everyone up, getting them hyped about the game.

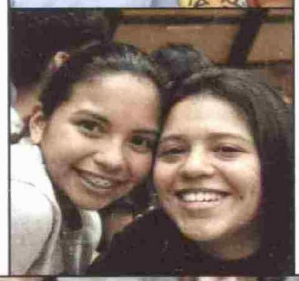
Shreyas Iyer, senior, addresses the crowd of students as they move on to the next event.



Do you think your friendship has changed between first grade and now?
Mollie: Not really because (Lilly) used to get mad at me in first grade and she still gets mad at me now.

How did you become friends?
Lily: Mrs. Sopko hated me and loved Molly.

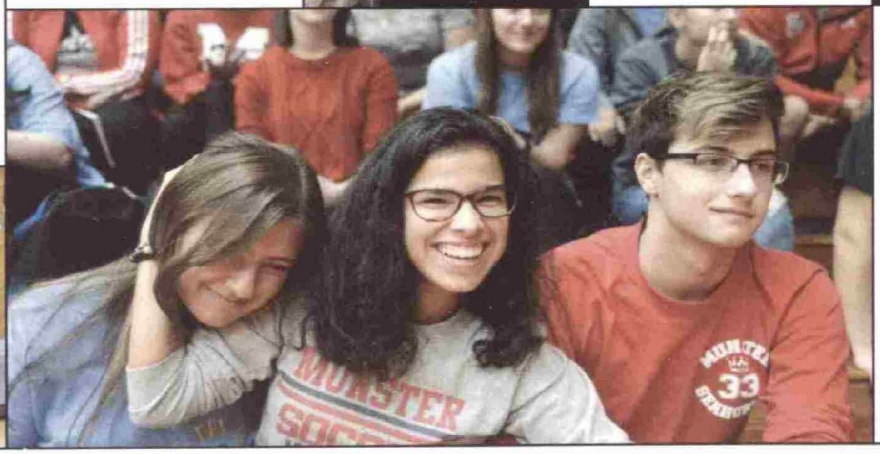
Mollie Clark and Lily Lemke, juniors, reflect on their friendship.

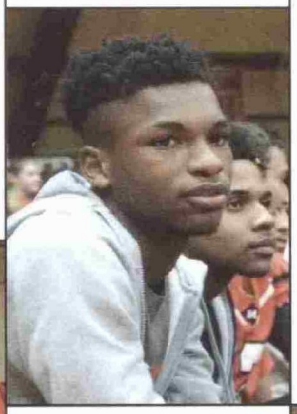


How do you think the pep rally could be more hyped up?
Destiny: Better music because honestly some of the music is kind of lame.

How do you feel about pep rallies?
Nadia: I thought they were cool, I like how they worked, but I felt that they could be more interactive because at certain parts I thought they were kind of slow.

Nadia Tomes and Destiny Espinosa, sophomores, get close for a picture.

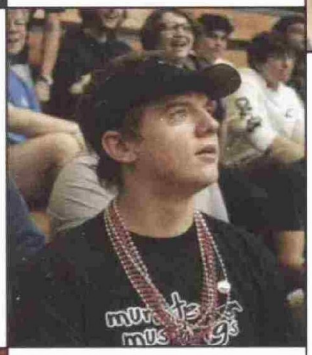


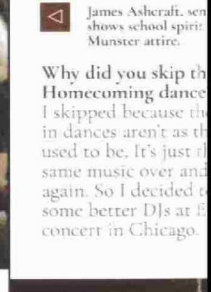


Isiah McCristan, junior, talks about Munster.

How do you feel about pep rallies? I think that the pep rally overall is exciting, it's better than being in class.

What's your favorite thing and least favorite thing about Munster? My favorite thing about being at Munster is probably my friends. My least favorite would probably be the people.





James Asheraft, sen shows school spirit Munster attire.

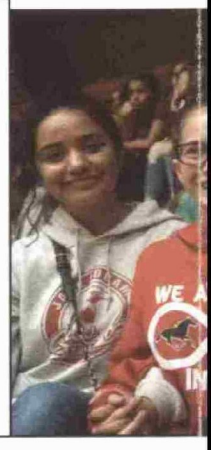
Why did you skip th Homecoming dance I skipped because th in dances aren't as t used to be. It's just same music over an again. So I decided some better DJs at concert in Chicago.

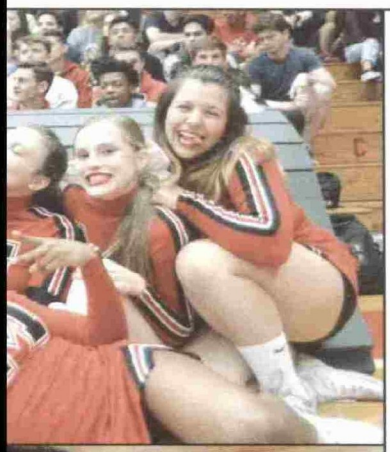
Lexi Lindenmeyer, Antoinia Linnane, Martin Bernard, juniors, describe their friendship dynamic.

How would you describe your friendship dynamic?
Alexis: Very hostile, but very loving. I adore these two very much, but they're annoying.

Toni: I just think we're very comfortable around each other so it allows us to be ourselves. You can be mean, but nice to each other at the same time.

Martin: I'm a hostage.

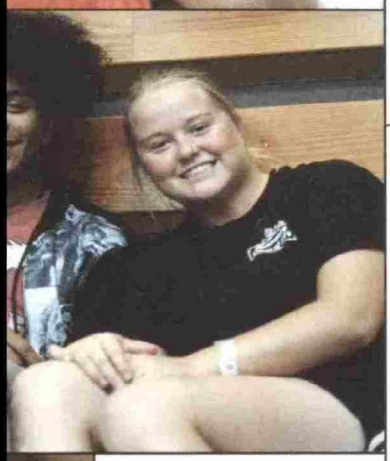




Habiba Ouyeon and Vanessa Vasquez, freshmen, talk Homecoming week.

So how do you feel about the pep rallies?
Vanessa: I like them. They get me out of class and it's nice to see the whole school all happy and excited together. It's like a moment of peace cause no ones arguing about the problems outside of the gym and everyone's just there in those bleachers and not anywhere else.

How was your experience this year?
Vanessa: It was amazing. It was fun dressing up and going to dance with all of my friends. It's one of my favorite memories.



Roberto Heath and Dayton Elliot, seniors, chill at the top of the bleachers.

Did you guys find each other so you could sit together?
Dayton: No, we were in the same class, so we just met up and sat in the same area.

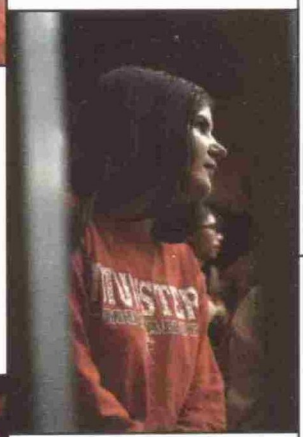
Were you guys by yourselves or with another group of friends?
Roberto: We pretty much stayed by ourselves.

Brooke Gardiner, junior, smiles from the sidelines.

How do you feel about pep rallies? I feel that if students were allowed to choose the games that there would be a lot more student participation.

What do you like about pep rallies? I like that they really put an effort into getting the crowd involved and it makes the kids excited to actually be involved in the school.

Is there anything you'd want to change if you could? Maybe have different things with the sports and the clubs getting involved, and have more people doing stuff during the pep rally. Oh, and I would get more clubs recognized.

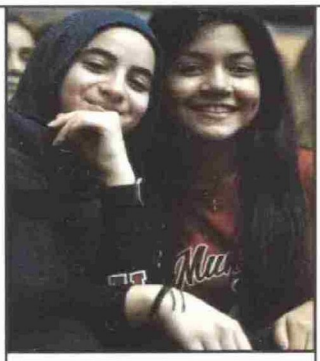


Samantha Vesper, freshman, watches from the bleachers.

Anna Babus and Liera Alvarez, freshman, hold hands.

Why do you guys think you're friends?
Liera: She was a lot of fun. She seemed really smart and nice.

Anna: Well, yeah, she's like the happiest person I know, and she always finds the best in everything.



Harsha Sanaka and Eli Striker, seniors, hug for the camera.

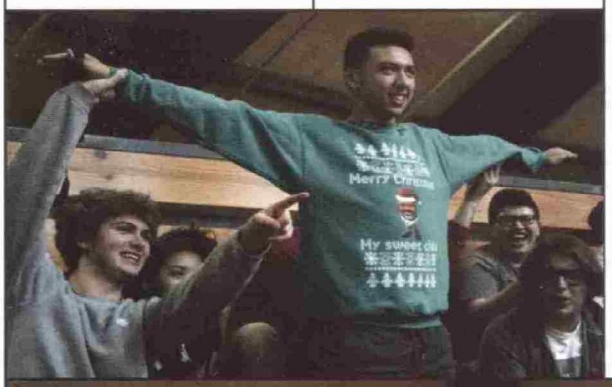
How did you enjoy the pep rally?
Harsha: I was enjoying it as a break from the normal school monotony. It was a very nice experience to just sit with my friends and enjoy something in school that was outside of classes.

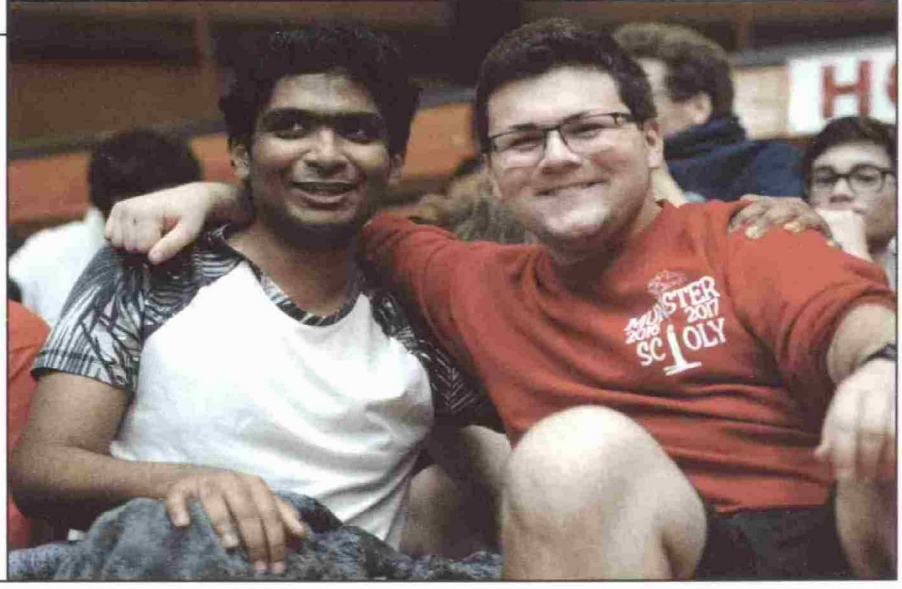
What was the funniest part of the pep rally?
Eli: It was probably the teachers' tug of war. It was funny seeing them crush the seniors, even though they are my own grade.

What were you doing in this picture? Me and George always T-pose with each other and after the band played our fight song, I just stayed standing and T-posed. Everyone told me to just stay up, stay standing because it was great. Everyone's having a great time and then it just ended up being a challenge across the gym, and I stayed up and beat them because we can't let these underclassmen win.

Is there anything else you want to add? I'm sorry for ruining Munster High School with my voice and my freaking T-pose because I have a cult-following of underclassmen and everyone's talking like me now, it's terrible. I bless the school.

Luke Southwell, senior, T-poses.

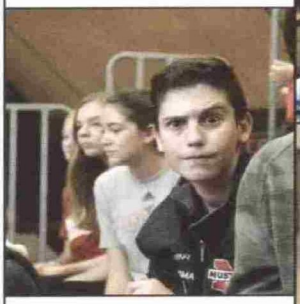




Shenandoah Hogan, senior, plays with the strings on his hoodie.

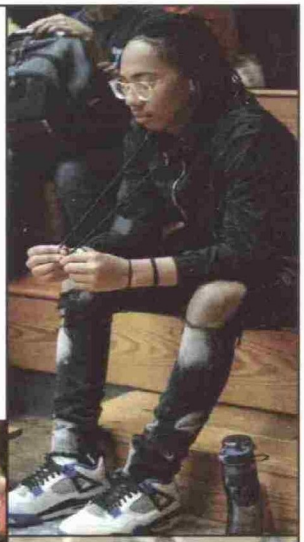
What's going on this photo? I was sitting thinking, and I was extremely bored.

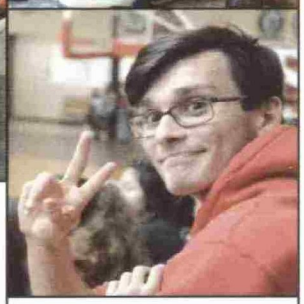
Why were you bored? I don't know, I guess I just don't like pep rallies a lot. They're too loud and just obnoxious. People were beating on the bleachers and it was hurting my ears. I don't know, man, it's just that the people are over excited and I just prefer things to be quiet, I guess.



Ethan Boersma, freshman, makes faces at the camera.

What was your favorite part of the pep assembly? All the hype and the commotion was really fun. I got to sit with my friends and really enjoy what happens here in Munster.





John Chamberlain, freshman, makes a peace sign at the camera.

Can you tell me what your Homecoming Dance like? Well, since I asked someone out, I had fun. I break danced at the end, and let's just say I made the place a lot more hype than it was.

Can you explain the atmosphere of a pep rally? A lot of people were chattering. Just excitement, really happy. Excitement for what was to come.

from me the homecoming queen

submitted by Zoé Short

homecoming queen Zoé Short, senior, shares her thoughts on winning the crown

When I was nominated for Homecoming Queen, it was a major shock. Something I never dreamed would happen, let alone actually receiving the title.

I am normally not someone who would receive such a title here at Munster, and so, to those who voted for me or one of the five other amazing girls I was on the court with, thank you for the honor. Of course, I did not expect to win but when I did the joy that filled me up is indescribable.

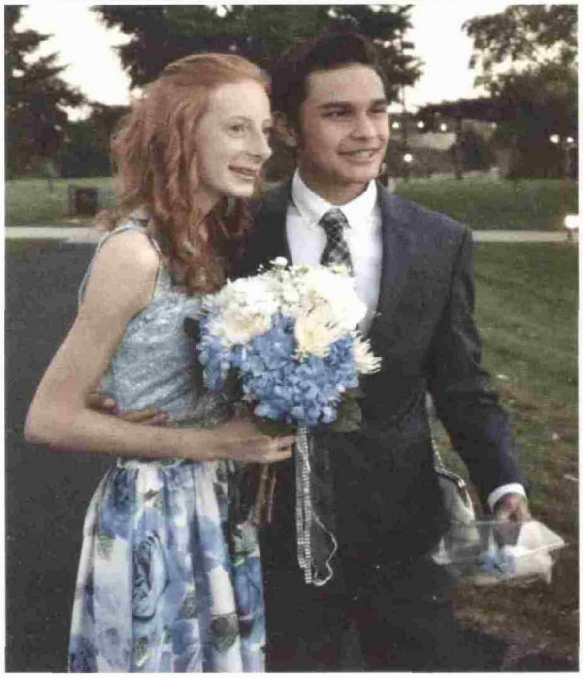
You all, as my peers, have truly made this one of the best years of my life thus far. When I look back at my senior year I will remember you. I never thought I made a mark here or ever had an influence at MHS. Once I was nominated, however, I realized I must have had a decent influence on the school.

With that being said, I don't think anyone understands the influence you all have had on me. You all, as a student body collectively, have helped me realize that actions truly do matter.

Your words, how you treat people you don't normally speak to or associate with, it ALL matters. Be kind to everyone around you. Remember to spread love, positivity, and joy. Branch out and become friends with different groups of people, make yourself approachable. Try and be happy and grateful for the time you spend here because high school does not last forever and truly does fly by. Smile and laugh every day. Live your high school lives to the fullest, and don't try to be perfect, because it is okay to make mistakes, just learn from them and continue to grow.

sister sparkle

Holding her roses, Zoe Short, senior, smiles big after being crowned Homecoming Queen. She was one of six girls on the court. Photo by Chloe Lambert



something blue

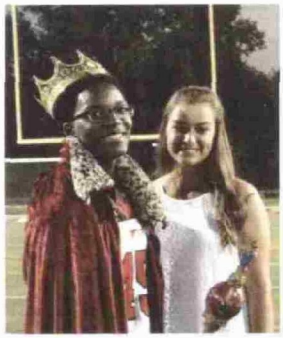
Standing in Centennial Park, Lauren Morris, junior, and Chris Perez, sophomore, pose for a photo. The two went to the park with their group before Homecoming for photos. "Getting ready is fun but also kind of stressful when you were racing against the sun in order to get decent pictures," Lauren said. Photo by Lana Salahieh

ask away

Stopping in the hallway, Jari Warner, freshman, asks Salma Khani, freshman, to Homecoming. He used a pun on her last name to create his poster. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

king for a day

During the Powderpuff game halftime, Jelani Warner, senior, was named Mr. Football, an honor created by Mrs. Lisa Wilson, Main Office Secretary and Ms. Julie Camp, student services aide



bow down

Crown on head and scepter in hand, Mr. Football Jelani Warner, senior, smiles with his escort, Emily Dato, junior. Photo by Demetrios Fotopolous

dressed to dance

Taylor Olmstead, sophomore, discusses her perfect Homecoming dress

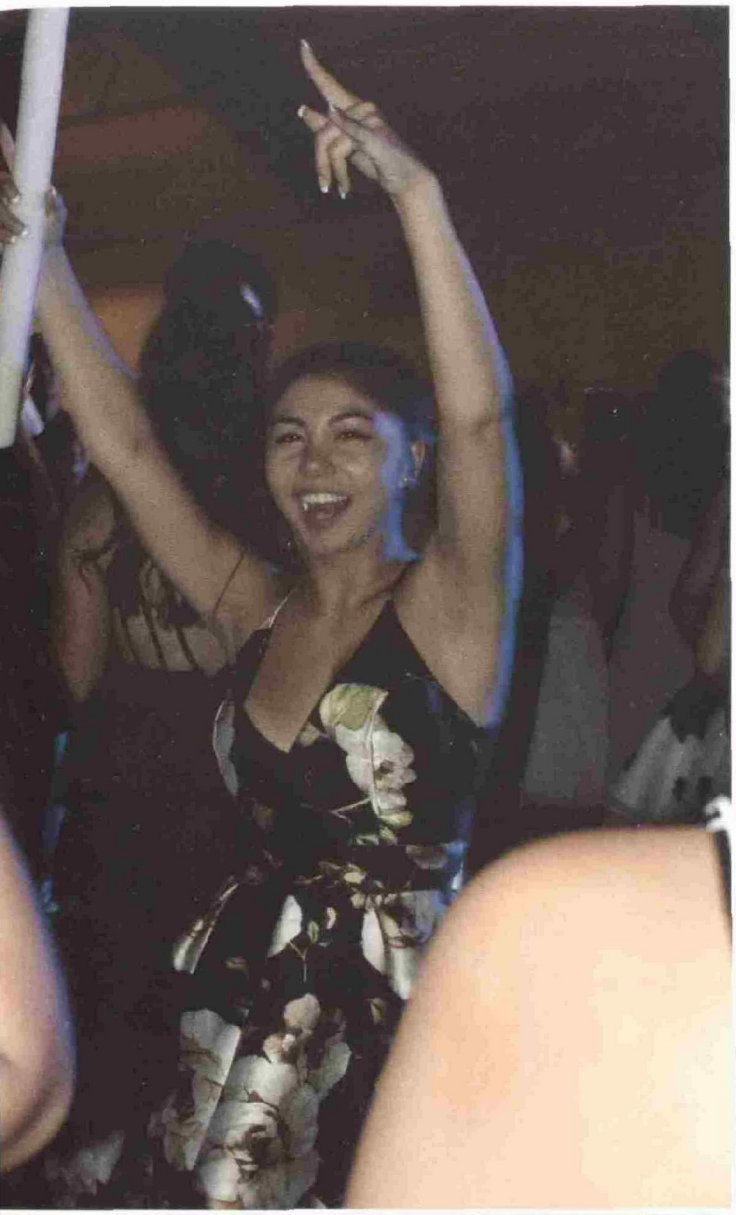
How did you find your dress?

When I saw this dress style for the Sherri Hill prom collection I really liked it. When they came out with a shorter version I just knew I had to try it on, that's when I went to Peaches in Chicago.

dress provided by Taylor Olmstead, sophomore

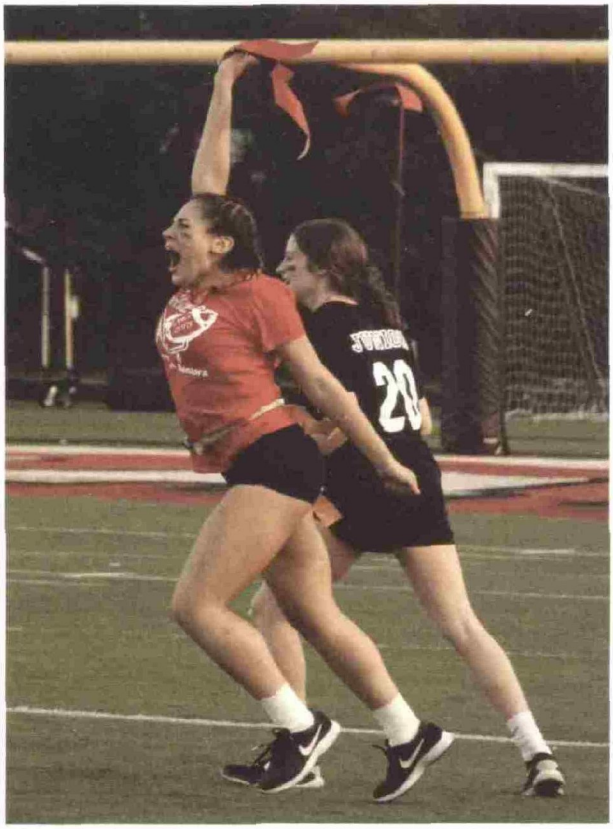
Why did you choose this specific dress?

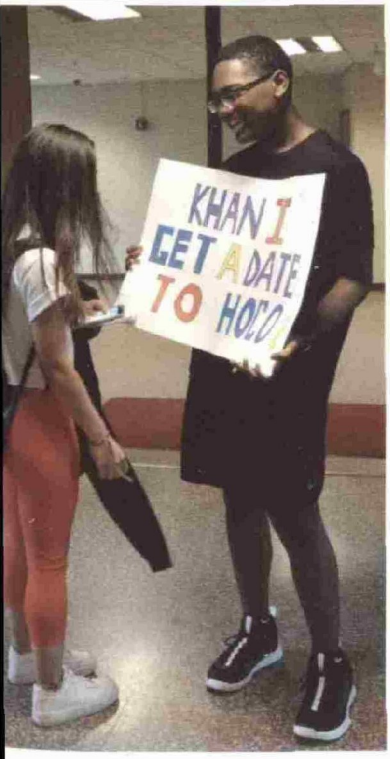
For the past two years I had only worn navy blue dresses. So that is why this year I decided to try on the lilac color. As soon as I tried the dress on, I knew it was the one.

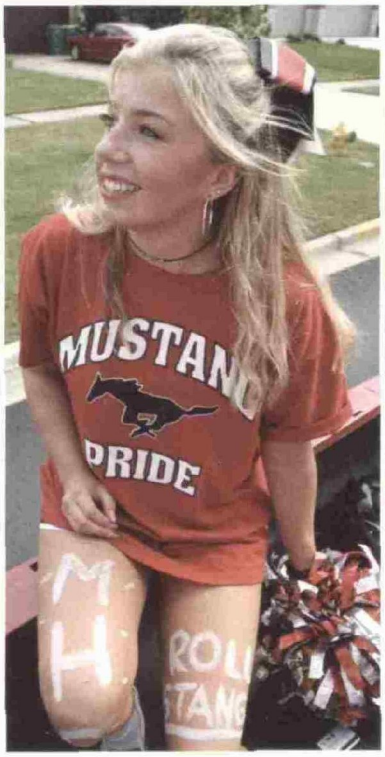


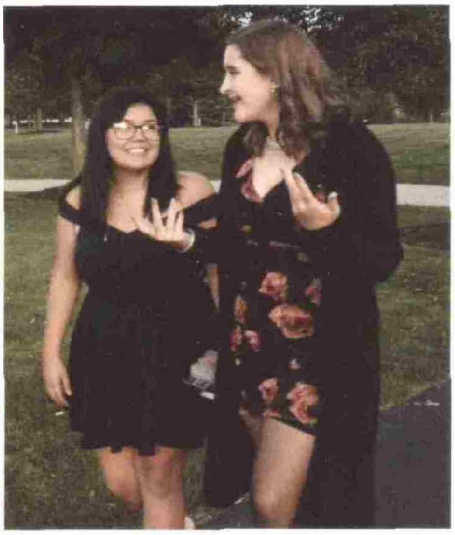
hands up

Dancing to the music, Emily Kotvasz, senior, enjoys her senior Homecoming. She got her dress from Akira. "I hate dress shopping, it's too tedious," Emily said.
Photo by Lana Salahieh









capture the flag

Yelling in excitement, Sophia Becker, senior, celebrates pulling Sydney Foster's, junior, flag at the Powderpuff game. The seniors ended up losing 24-34. "I had a lot of adrenaline while playing the game," Sophia said. "It was kind of a blur." Photo by Melanie Powers

walk in the park

While looking for a place to take pictures, Isabel Rodriguez and Maria Barron, sophomores, walk around Centennial Park. They were some of many who went to Centennial to take pictures before the dance. "The getting ready process was fun because it was a time to get glam," Isabel said.
Photo by Vanessa Situ

roll stangs

While participaing in the homecoming parade, Megan Dedelow, senior, sits on the edge of the Powderpuff float. "I felt important to be involved in such an iconic school event," Megan said. "It was super exciting riding around Munster with my friends and representing my team." Photo by Lauren Kozy

one for the record books

this school year was filled with record-breaking numbers, from the most liked Instagram photo to the longest ever government shutdown

13-3 points

Super Bowl LIII was the lowest scoring in history between the New England Patriots (13) and the Los Angeles Rams (3)

mixed reviews

"I thought the Super Bowl was super boring. Even though the Patriots came out with the win because Tom Brady's the GOAT. I didn't like how there were no touchdowns being scored."
Dominick Smith, 9

"I thought the Super Bowl was exciting because I was a really big supporter of Tom Brady and to see that he could get another win and just be amazing was truly inspiring to me. I think the most boring part about it was the halftime show. They should've had SpongeBob in it."
Adrian Christian, 10

-50°

wind chill
in the Chicagoland area on Jan. 31, cancelling school

34 days of shutdown

the longest government shut-down recorded in history took place from Dec. 22 to Jan. 25. President Donald Trump shutdown the government due to disagreements between Democrats and Republicans over the Mexican border wall. Trump declared a national emergency on Feb. 15 to try to gain military funding for the wall.

4 days off

in January due to the polar vortex

on Jan. 30, temps were
from -24° to 1°

on Jan. 31, temps were
from -21° to -8°

source: ABC 7 AccuWeather

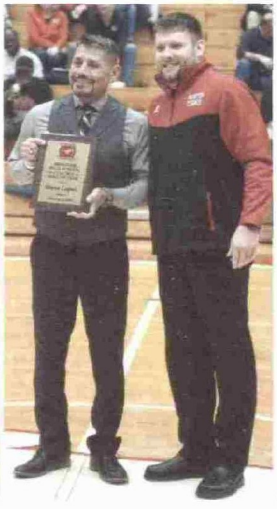
30.5M likes

on Instagram

@world_record_egg set out to have the most liked picture on Instagram and succeeded on Jan. 14. The picture of the egg dethroned Kylie Jenner's picture with 18M likes. The account later used the popularity to talk about mental health issues.
source: Guinness World Records

standing in the hall of fame

former faculty, alumni, and coaches are awarded for their accomplishments throughout their career



speaking from experience Giving a speech to the students, alumni, and staff, Scott Yonover, '82, stands at the hall of fame induction ceremony. A total of ten inductees spoke during the ceremony. Photo by Lana Salahieh **claim to fame** Holding up his plaque, Mr. Steve Lopez, social studies teacher and Boys' Tennis coach '02-'16, poses with Coach Patrick Spohr, head tennis coach, at the induction ceremony coaching hall of fame. Other inductees included Mr. Leroy Marsh, health teacher and football coach, '80-'17; Mr. John Doherty, athletic trainer, '85-'15; Mr. Mike Smith, athletic director, '00-'12; Mr. Dick Sloan, girls' track coach, '89-'07; and Mr. Don Fortner, social studies teacher and volleyball coach, '87-08. Photo by Todd McKechnie **leaving a legacy** During the third annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Barbara Deeb, '75; gives her speech to the student body. Alumni inductees also included Glenn Scolnik, '69; Larry Johnson, '70; Dennis Stevens, '67; Stephen Hess, '89; Scott Yonover, '82; and Michael Konopasek, '07. Former faculty inductees included social studies teacher, Gene Fort '54-'95; P.E. teacher, Jon Jepsen, '69-93; and art teacher, Ruth Stout, '57-'82. Photo by Lana Salahieh

"One time Chris Mathew smeared yogurt all over his face and Mr. Melby gave him a detention for it." **John Banaszak, 10**

top of the charts

playlists of the top 10 of Billboard's "Hot 100"

2018

year-end charts: hot 100 songs

1. God's Plan - Drake
2. Perfect - Ed Sheeran
3. Meant To Be - Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line
4. Havana - Camila Cabello
5. Rockstar - Post Malone ft. 21 Savage
6. Psycho - Post Malone ft. Ty Dolla $ign
7. I Like It - Cardi B, Bad Bunny & J Balvan
8. The Middle - Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey
9. In My Feelings - Drake
10. Girls Like You - Maroon 5 ft. Cardi B

2019

the hot 100: week of Feb. 16

1. 7 Rings - Ariana Grande
2. Happier - Marshmello & Bastille
3. Without Me - Halsey
4. Sunflower - Post Malone & Swae Lee
5. Sicko Mode - Travis Scott
6. High Hopes - Panic! At The Disco
7. Thank U, Next - Ariana Grande
8. Middle Child - J. Cole
9. Wow. - Post Malone
10. Girls Like You - Maroon 5 ft. Cardi B

movie mania

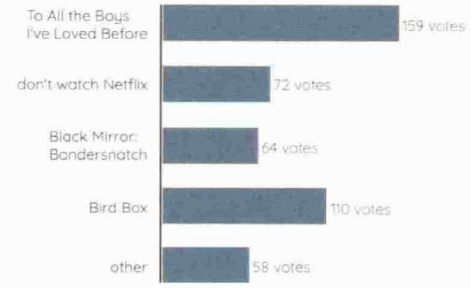
survey on Google Forms of 463 responses from Feb. 5-11

fun films

students vote on most anticipated movies of second semester

netflix faves

students voted on their favorite Netflix Original Movies



What is your favorite meme?

"The Vine of that guy on the phone who jumps on the bed and goes 'Haha, Ryan!'"
Marisa Walsh, 9

"I like the 'I be flossin' boy.'"
Sarah Sanchez, 10

"Road work ahead? Uh, yeah, I sure hope it does."
Jaida Beasley, 10

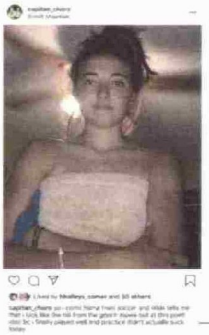
"The YouTuber Gabbie Hanna singing 'So what if I'm the monster'."
Lily Plebanski, 10

"I like the YouTube Rewind memes because they're ironic and really funny."
Elise Fedrick, 10

what's a finsta?

finsta: a combination of the words fake and instagram. when people have a finsta they only post pictures they want their closest friends seeing instead of their regular followers. finstas aren't supposed to be taken seriously and are mainly kept private and have funny usernames. here are some posts from our finsta feed.

source: Urban Dictionary



@captain_choro

Olivia Choros, 11

"Sophomore year Madi (Griegel) and I were captains for soccer and on the field before the whistle to start a game we were lined up and talking and Madi yelled 'Choro' and started talking to me and I said 'that's captain choro to you.'"

finstas usually have sarcastic captions and unedited photos to show a "candid" side of the person posting

How did you come up with your finsta name?

@chef_boyleardee

Moira Boyle, 12

"I really wanted a username with a play on my name as that's what everyone was doing. One of my older friends suggested combining chef boyardee with my last name since they kind of sound similar and it just stuck."

sometimes posts can contain screenshots of popular memes and snapchat posts

@roman.the.philosopher

Roman Garcia, 11

"Well, I feel like Roman The Philosopher has a nice ring to it considering all the philosophers back in the Roman Empire and also I do find myself to be enlightened and quite philosophical."

while a traditional instagram account has a more polished look, finstas are meant to share inside jokes and pop culture references

"Emma Stevens walked up to me in the hall and started making animal noises, so I made animal noise at her, but then it got too loud and people were watching so I stopped." Chris Mathew, 10

a year apart

story by Mia Terek

two best friends stay close despite one year age gap

Best friends, can form between anyone. For Olivia Candelaria, sophomore, and Sam Buffano, junior, their friendship has a simple beginning.

"We met about five years ago," Olivia said. "Our brothers (Mitch Buffano and Carlo Candelaria, seniors) were close friends originally. Sam and I ended up becoming friends because of our brothers friendship."

Although their friendship had a straightforward origin, their friendship is anything but.

Olivia is a sophomore, and Sam is a junior. Having an age gap between the pair offers various difficulties.

"There have been times when it'll seem like Sam's valuing her older friends more than me," Olivia said. "The same goes with me, sometimes it may seem like I'm valuing the friends in my grade more than her."

Although there are problems that come with the age gap, nothing compares to attending different schools.

"When I was in eighth grade it was really difficult at times," Olivia said. "Sam was a freshmen when I was in eighth grade. We weren't able to hangout a lot. During the weekends it was hard to hangout because she had her high school sports and friends. But nowadays, it's not as bad because, now we see each other at school and hangout on the weekends."

Having an age difference between the pair also offers some unexpected benefits.

"You get to meet a bunch of different people," Sam said. "Because of Olivia I know a bunch of sophomores and because of me, Olivia knows a lot of juniors and seniors."

For the girls, having the age gap makes their friendship unique.

"Even though our age gap has its difficulties, our friendship is interesting, Sam and I interact differently than Sam with her other friends," Olivia said. "We're really close friends."

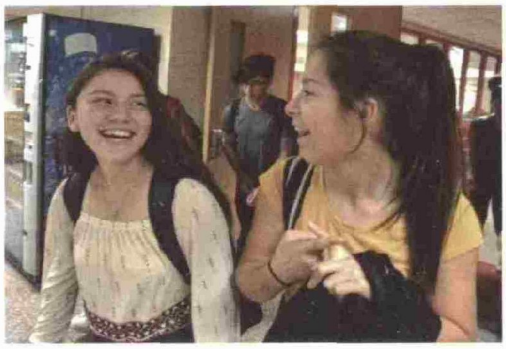
BLT BFFs

Walking through the hallway, Emma Ladd and Alex Rowady, seniors, show off their spirit week outfits. Throughout the day, the pair were also seen with bacon (Maddy Foreit), creating a BLT sandwich. "There is no other duo like us (Emma and Alex) in this school," Emma, said. Photo by Megan Szymanski

Priscilla and Priscilla

Walking together, Priscilla Ortiz, sophomore, and Priscilla Gallardo, sophomore pass the lunch room. The pair walk together from the South to North everyday going to seventh hour. "When we're together we are always having fun and laughing," Priscilla Gallardo said.

Photo by Chynna Vaughn

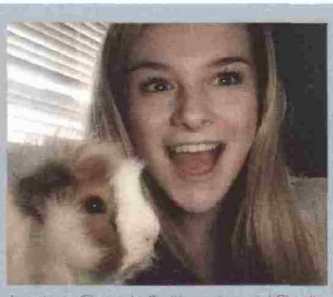


pub pets

The publications staff share their best friends: their pets

"**Thor** never shuts up and is always following me around the house. He always wants attention."

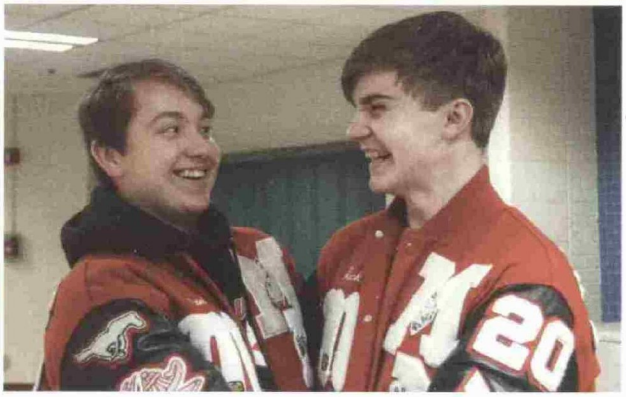
Kammy Moore, senior, and Thor



"My guinnea pig **Charlie** is like my little stuffed animal."

Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, senior, and Charlie

"Jackie (Webber) and I in sophomore year used to be in Mr. Wood's MRT and we'd always listen to music on our spotify and eat the gummy bears he offered us." **Emma Stevens, 12**



What's your favorite memory with your best friend?

"Noel Fary is my best friend. Being in the 'Trials of Robinhood' with him is my favorite memory."
Bradley Beniak, 10

"My best friend was my old dog Spongebob Squarepants. My favorite memory was when she destroyed my sister's shoe."
Arman Kumar, 9

"My best friend is my dog Abby and our best memory is playing with a tennis in our backyard."
Maria Blaesing, 11

a common occurance
Talking, Sam Buffano, junior, and Olivia Candelaria, sophomore, stand in the Commons during lunch. "I don't have any classes with Sam and we don't sit together at lunch," Olivia said. "The Commons allows for us to stay close." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

the bromance
Laughing, Noel Fary, junior, and Jack Sullivan, junior congregate outside the choir room before SING. "This friendship is probably one of the best parts of high school right now," Jack said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn

who knows Clara best?

best friends April Roberts and Mollie Clark see who knows Clara Terry best

Clara Terry, 11

April Roberts, 11

Mollie Clark, 11

	Clara Terry, 11	April Roberts, 11	Mollie Clark, 11
Favorite show?	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Ink Wars
Favorite food?	pasta	pasta	pasta
Favorite animal?	squirrel	squirrel	dog
Favorite color?	blue	blue	blue

Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, publications director and Marley

"**Marley's** favorite thing in life is to meow when I am not paying attention to her."

Carey Scott, senior, and Hopper

"**Hopper** is a rescue dog. He didn't live in a house for the first two years of his life and he is fascinated by normal dog things."

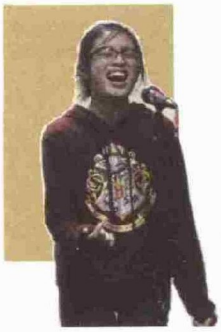
Alyssa Bass, junior, and Karma

"I can cuddle with him and he won't growl, but he'll growl at everyone else. I'm his favorite and he's mine."

"I freestyled about social issues on New Years Eve with Audrey (Stooksbury)." **Jackie Webber, 12**

coffee-house vibes

choir hosts a fundraiser for field trip



who?

chorale

what?

open-mic night

when?

Friday Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

where?

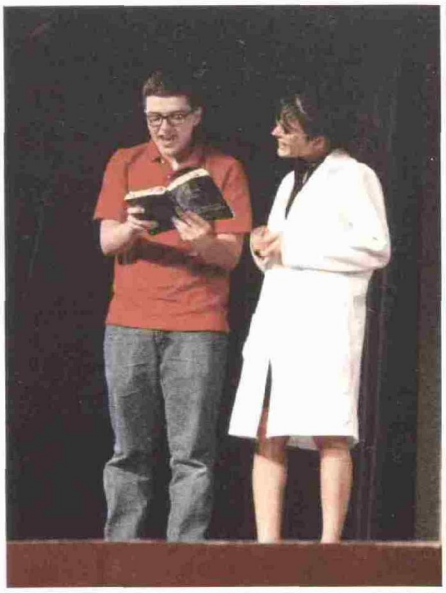
Munster Social Center

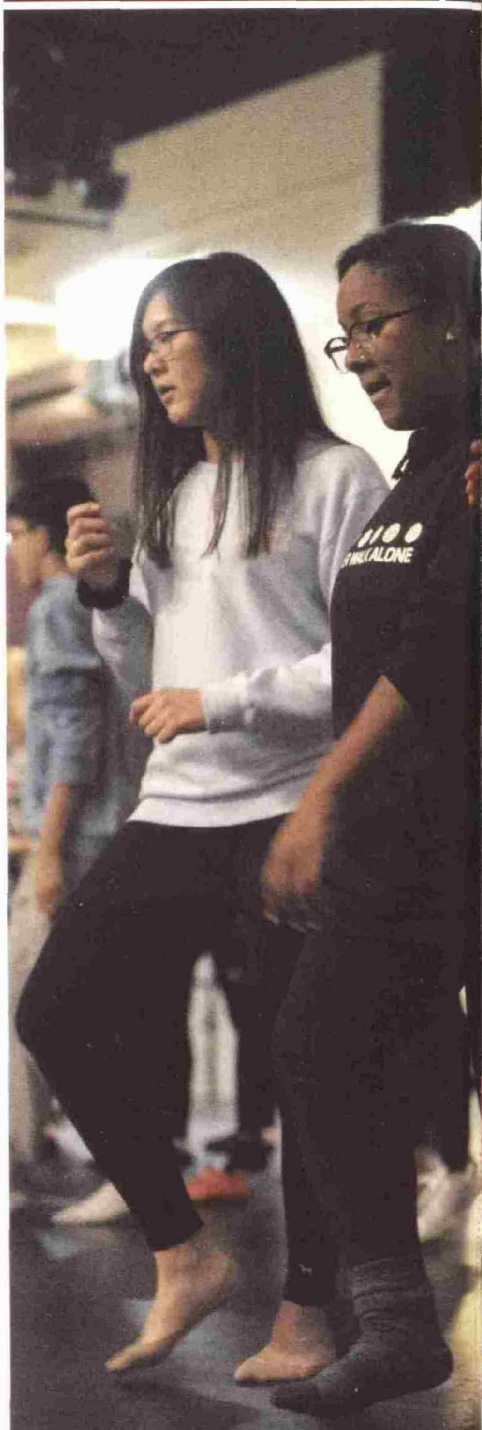
why?

to raise money for trip to *Carnegie Hall*

source Lydia Smith and Anu Arora, seniors

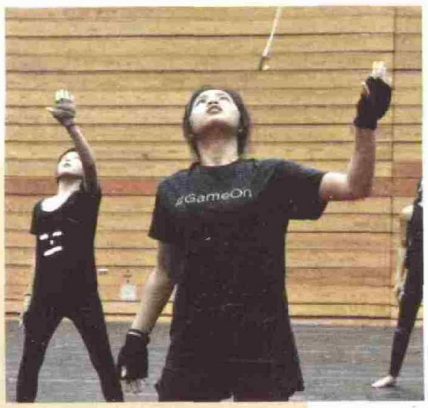
opening up Passionately, Alyssa Sangueza, freshman, sings, "She Used to be Mine" from "Waitress" the musical at open-mic night. "I was a little bit nervous, when I did it since it was my first time performing as a high school student and have never really done something like this before, but I was also excited because my friends were there," Alyssa said. **sings reaches singing** Acting as Youtube influencer Miranda Sings, Anna Speckhard, sophomore, instructs Lydia Smith, senior, during a vocal practice. The keyboard broke during the performance, but the duo played it off as a part of their act. "I was surprised they laughed because I didn't think I was funny," Lydia said. **preach to the choir** As emcee, Benjamin Peters, senior, announces Ben Mellon, sophomore, the winner of the open-mic night. This event raised almost $2500 towards the trip. "Finding out that my boy Ben Mellon (sophomore) got the most tips and won the event, I was very proud of him because he was in my section," Ben said. Photos by Lilia Brunetti

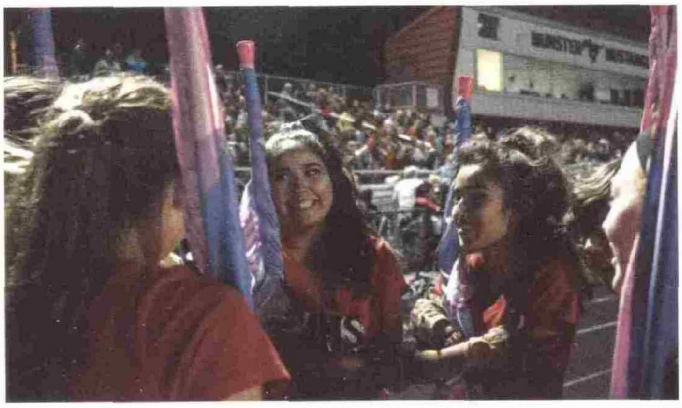




seasons of quirk

guard practices throughout the year for competition season





don't look down

Focused, Arianne Sadural, senior, tosses her sabre into the air at practice. The team rehearsed their complicated choreography in order to make sure everyone was in unison and appeared effortless. "Guard could be very difficult mentally and physically, but it was also the most rewarding thing I have done" Arianne said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn

quirky performance

Before performing at half-time, Anna Carillio, junior, and Jenai Panora, sophomore, wait as the band sets up. The girls spent almost nine hours together every day at band camp. "It really brought us all together," Anna said. " We had a lot of laughs together." Photo by Charlie Hofferth

"In seventh grade basketball our team made a 'family' with all of the players and I was Izzy Bednarowski's daughter." **Audrey Stooksbury, 12**

in the book

Dictionary in hand, James Shelton, junior, defines big words for the audience that Diana Ayala, junior, uses throughout "A Most Curious Phenomenon." James only had one entrance and exit which physically challenged him to stay in character the entire time. "Having to memorize over 250 lines is very stressful but once you got past that, you could work more on your character and really get into the script," James said.

Photo by Lilla Brunetti

behind the spotlight

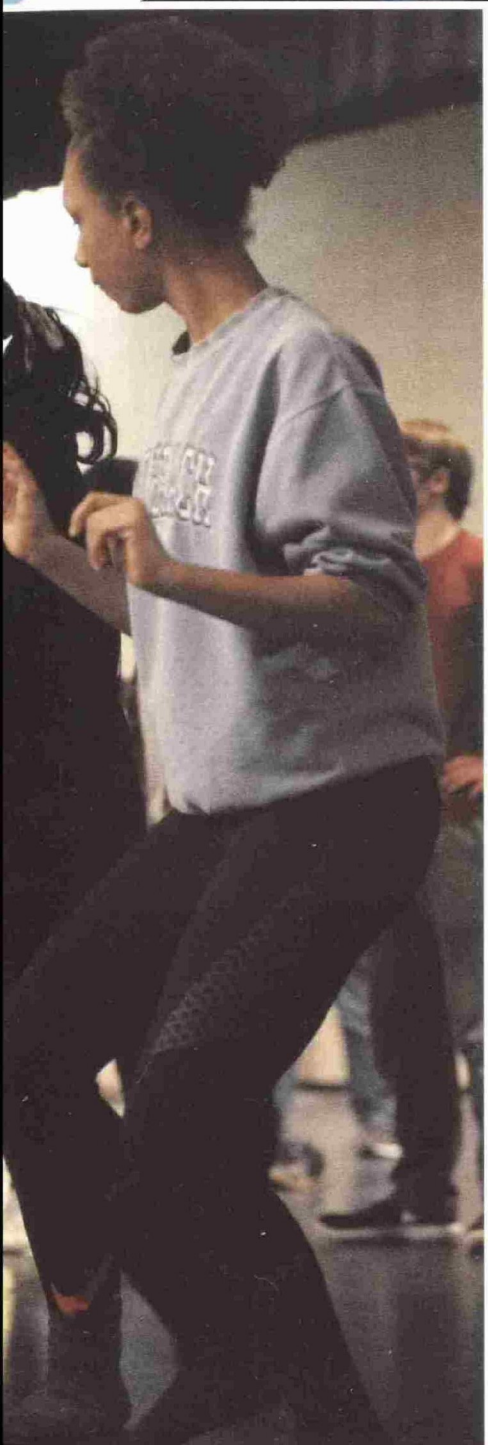
Waiting for her cue, Ava Quasney, sophomore, and Nikolai Hoogewerf, junior, manage the light board during "A Most Curious Phenomenon," the fall show. Lighting provided a mood for the show and told the audience where to look. "The actors brought the show to life, but without the tech people, the show would have never happened in the first place," Ava said. Photo by Lilla Brunetti

What is your favorite part about theater and why?

"The people because there are some great friendships that are made."
James Sroge, 12

"My favorite part was that I could come from a long day of school and be able to transform myself into a new character."
Amanda Beaudouin, 11

"Watching how a show can come together and seeing how the audience reacted to what we created."
Mikey McDunn, 10



making the show go on

story by Carey Scott
design by Abbey Burris

MTC contains multiple facets to create a production

Theater was an area for students to express themselves in a variety of different ways, but audience members only ever saw the actors on the stage. However, the Munster Theatre Company (MTC) extended to include thespians and technical staff.

"Theater wasn't really something you thought of as a competitive extracurricular," Sydney Hamill, senior, said. "But because of the thespian society, you got to compete on a statewide level."

Thespians focused on competition in tech theater and acting. In Sydney's eyes, thespians challenged theater stereotypes.

"Now it was made more valid in my eyes and others," Sydney said. "(When) they thought theater, they thought all black outfits, dramatic social justice plays, which it was, but they never realized that you could even get credited."

Technical theater was another component of MTC. They concentrated on taking care of lighting, sound and other factors. Although not physically present on stage, the show required their commitment the same as actors.

"Without tech theater you'd essentially have seen people performing in a classroom with t-shirts on," Joe Bellahcen, senior, said. "Everything would have been pretty bare bones."

There was some creativity involved in the technical process as well.

"I thought something that people did not realize was that there was still a lot of art to it," Joe said. "Even though it was called technical theater and you were working with equipment, it was a lot of design, and technicians did have an opportunity to express their creativity through the production itself."

Involved from beginning to end, the tech staff focused on formatting before auditions and prepared sets, finishing with lighting and special effects.

"I was on both sides of theater," Andrew Wittkamp, sophomore, said. "I worked tech, but I also performed. The staff is so vital to our shows, because once we had our lines memorized and our blocking, it was just up to the staff. They got so much work done, and I thought that they could be really under appreciated."

Ultimately, MTC combined all types of people to produce and perform.

"There was a lot of work that went into it," Sydney said. "And there was a lot of respect that was needed because theater was a symbiotic partnership. Without techies, you couldn't put on a show, but without actors, you'd have nothing to show for."

in-step

At dance boot camp, freshmen Marissa Slivka, Jaylin Turner, and Myanne Zachary learn the required dance moves for "Hairspray." The show grew closer, but Myanne did not feel the pressure. "I liked the environment," Myanne said. "You were surrounded by your friends and you felt very supported."

Photo by Charlie Hofferth

"Me and Chyan (Rangel) went on a cruise and she lost her key to get back on the ship and she had to be investigated to get back on." Izzy Bednarowski, 12

we all have our quirks

story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

marching band reflects on their state performance

Picture this: you and the band are competing in the Indiana State Marching Band Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. For the past three years, the band has placed higher and higher, so you feel that the band will exceed last year's fourth place.

"Awards had all of the bands stand on the field in Lucas Oil Stadium," Milena Trivunovic, junior, said. "The entire band was there."

Your band listens closely when the announcer says that Munster High School won fourth place. The same as last year. No lower. No higher. Just fourth place.

"I was a little disappointed when we went out there," Milena said. "We thought that we were going to get something like top two. But I reminded myself that going to State means that we were already one of the top ten bands in the state. Getting top five is still a really big achievement."

The show that the Marching Band performed was called "Quirk."

"(Our show) was weird," John Banaszak, sophomore, said. "Towards the beginning, we didn't even play instruments. There was a lot of thematic stuff and choreography going on. People were walking around the field in odd ways."

However, musical instruments were included in the performance. Band members started to play the actual music after the 30 second introduction.

"The music itself was a little off beat," John said. "It straightened out towards the end and sounded pretty good."

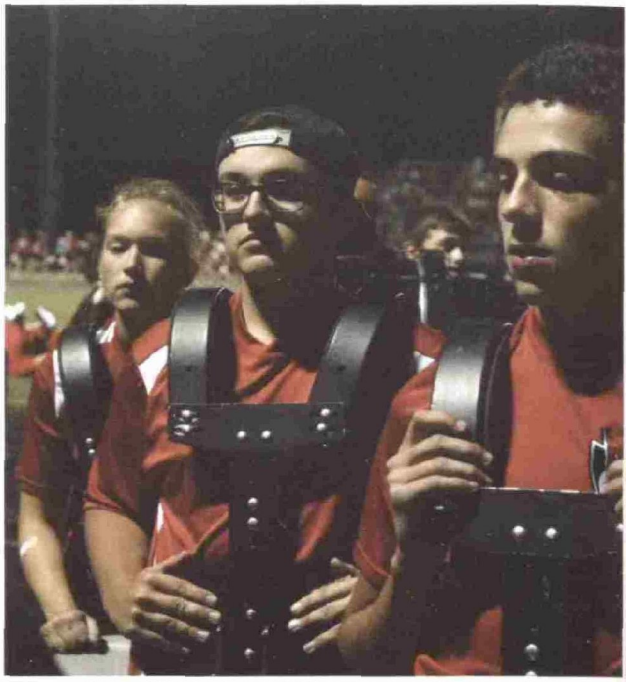
"We performed really well with a well-designed show," Milena said. "We actually had a great run at State and we were higher up in the standings with most of the judges, which is why we ended up placing fourth."

Although State Finals seemingly could have gone better, despite all, band members will still look back fondly on this year.

"I don't really care how we placed for the most part," Mihail Babus, sophomore, said. "Even though we lost, this was still a great year. It was a lot of fun."

drummer boys

Waiting on the sidelines at a football game, Henry Sklar, junior, and Mihail Babus, sophomore, get ready to perform the show "Quirk." The two played the snare drums, a drum hung from the shoulders. "Since it is marching band, you have to walk around with it in a special technique," Sklar said.
Photo by Robert Young



"Megan (Dedelow) and I were on JV basketball and when Varsity was playing at Andrean, we went inside their auditorium and went on the stage and danced and tried on costumes until a janitor came." **Chyan Rangel, 12**

slide show At the winter concert, Kamden Gorang, senior, plays trombone in the jazz band. Kamden played in both the concert and pep band. "The difference is the type of music," Kamden said. "We play classical music in concert band and more funk and jazz in pep band." Photo by Chynna Vaughn

music machine Performing at an orchestra concert, Nikolai Hoogewerf, junior, holds violin. Nikolai started to play violin in third grade. "I enjoy playing the violin because it opens up a gate to the sole," Nikolai said. "It really drives me and expresses emotions that I can't say out loud." Photo by Sean O'Rourke

braid parade Before a choir concert, Cali Grzybowski, senior, gets her hair braided by Maya Radjenovich, senior. Getting ready is a pre-concert ritual for performances. "It's really fun because all of the girls come to the choir room," Cali said. "We all get ready together and we get to socialize and spend more time together." Photo by Lana Salahieh

concert conundrums

students in music classes discuss their concerns for their respective winter concerts

choir concert Dec. 10

"The concert felt too early. I felt like we could have practiced more."
Samantha Del Real, 9

orchestra concert Dec. 12

"Usually tempo is kind of an issue with us."
Hector Gomez, 10

band concert Dec. 13

"I was nervous that my lips would get dry and that I would not be able to play."
Andrew Burzynski, 9

all together now

Motioning his hand in the air, Mr. Andrew Robinson, choir director, leads the Chorale. Chorale was an audition-only choir with over 45 members and included members like Shannon Coughlin, junior. "Mr. Robinson played the notes on the piano so that we could go over our parts anytime we needed or when we were first learning a song," Shannon said. "If we had any questions about the complexity of a song, he would answer them and go over it with us."
Photo by Megan Szymanski

band embrace

Running to hug a Alejandra Salas, freshman, at a Saturday practice, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, junior and drum major, laughs. Practices started as early as 7 a.m. "You're tired and don't want to do anything," Zoe said. "But then once you get there and you are surrounded by people, you wake up."
Photo by Lana Salahieh

from me an orchestra student

submitted by Maya Kenny

Maya Kenny, sophomore, discusses the orchestra's sci-fi-inspired piece, "Stars Wars"

The Stars Wars piece had three movements in it. The first and third movement were very powerful because they were so fast, strong and up to beat.

The second movement was the exact opposite of the other two. It was on the slow side and had a great flute solo. It was very pretty.

Because the piece was so slow, we had to put a lot of vibrato and shift into higher positions to make it sound right.

There was a lot of repetition and the percussion played a huge part in it. It was one of those pieces where you needed a full orchestra to sound nice.

I also remember that at the height of the piece, the first violins had to play up an octave, so it sounded dramatic. We had to do some sectional work on that.

The piece was meant to be called "Star Wars." However, some people in the winds section noticed that on the copies of the music, the title was printed "Stars Wars."

The winds section posted it out to Mrs. (Bridget) Speranza, (orchestra director) and the name stuck. Everyone complained when she didn't call it "Stars Wars" with an "s." This was an inside joke in our orchestra.

What was this year's best piece?

"My favorite music was probably 'Canticle of Winter' because it is a slower song that is very dramatic and beautiful"
Alyssa Sangueza, 9
choir

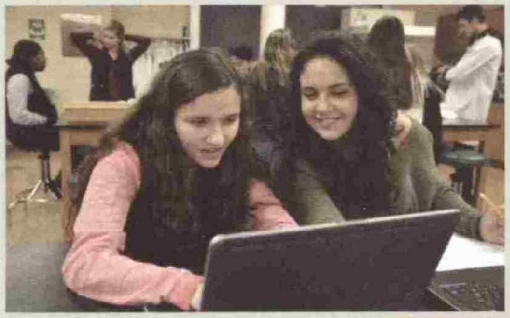
"It is a Russian piece called 'Salvation Is Created.' I liked the rhythm and the emotions that I felt while singing the piece."
Melanie Riordan, 10
choir

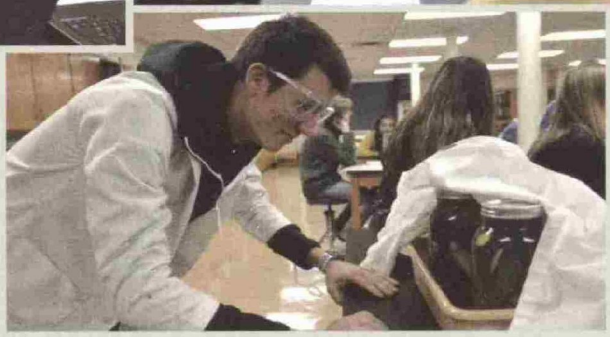
"I really liked 'Sleigh Ride.' We do it every year at our winter concert. I think it is a fun tradition, because it is really fast paced, energetic, and has different styles in the background."
Sophie Hand, 11
orchestra

"One time Corina (Cabrales) and I went walking to get food but she insisted on wearing her Mickey Mouse slippers but on the way back it started pouring rain and ruined them." Megan Dedelow, 12

what's the big dill?

students in Mr. Coil's microbiology made pickles and sauerkraut for an end of the semester project





first off Sitting with her partner Chyan Rangel, senior, Maddy Lakomek, senior, searches on her laptop. The pair was investigating which kinds of bacteria were probable to show up on their pickles. "It was the most boring part of the lab," Maddy said. "We had been looking at bacteria all year, it was nothing new." **next up** Looking through a microscope Zach Grunewald and Max Paredes, seniors, identify bacteria. "Mr. Coil initially made it seem like we weren't going to see anything," Zach said. "It was a nice surprise to see what we saw."

waiting game Paying close attention, Zach Schmidt, senior, watches his pickles ferment. "Everyone was unsure whether or not they were going to turn out good and be edible," Zach said. **finally** Laughing, Sierra Gronkiewicz, senior, tries their fresh pickles. "I was proud of how the pickles turned out," Sierra said. "I would have changed some things though, the taste was kind of off." **the aftermath** After smelling the pickles, Josh Kim, senior, makes a face. He was so disgusted that he wouldn't dare try them. "I cannot even describe the smell," Josh said. "All I can say is that my nose did not particularly like it." Photos by Elizabeth Fonseca

home sweet home

Nick Eng, junior, a student in Mr. Davidson's civil engineering architecture class, constructed a home of Lego based off of his assigned style, which was Gregorian

"I was originally intimidated. But after I thought about it, I figured out what I would make the house out of. It turned out exactly how I wanted."

How long do you wait to start a project?

"I start a project immediately when it is assigned. That way, I have time to plan, prepare and produce the final product." Joseph Bellahcen, 12

"I'll either start it the day it's assigned or the next day because I would like for it to be finished early and turned in so I won't have to worry about it later or last minute." Zahrya Grimes, 10

"I wait until the second day it's assigned." Lindsey Guy, 9

"I will start the project early and slowly work on it until it's near the due date." Max Follmer, 9

"I usually wait until the next day because I want to get all of the information. I want to finish it early so I don't have to worry." Ariel Gallardo, 10

"One time after cheering at the LC game Jorianna (Hazel) went to get ice cream and the bus accidentally left her there." Corina Cabrales, 12

the secret life of Crier

design by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith and Marley Anderson
story by Cali Peterson

a behind the scenes look at how Crier creates their award-winning newspaper

To most students, the Crier is just a simple school newspaper. Little do they know, students behind Crier put in a lot more effort than it seems.

Every month, Crier prints an issue with multiple stories written by the student staff. They do everything themselves such as interviewing, writing and designing. Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, publication's advisor, lets the students take charge and conduct the paper themselves. Before deciding what kind of stories Crier will write, they have an editorial board meeting. At this meeting, the staff brainstorms ideas on what to write for the upcoming issue. The editor-in-chief, Mimi Brody, senior, makes final decisions on the newspaper's topics, and assigns stories to writers.

"I try to vary the topics and give people sports stories who have maybe written a bunch of news stories in the past and kind of give people a variety of stories to write," Mimi said.

After the writers and photographers are assigned their tasks, the whole process begins. Writers get about a week and a half to complete their interviews and rough drafts. A couple days after finishing their rough draft, the final draft is due. Then, the staff goes through build week, which is the week that the complete newspaper comes out.

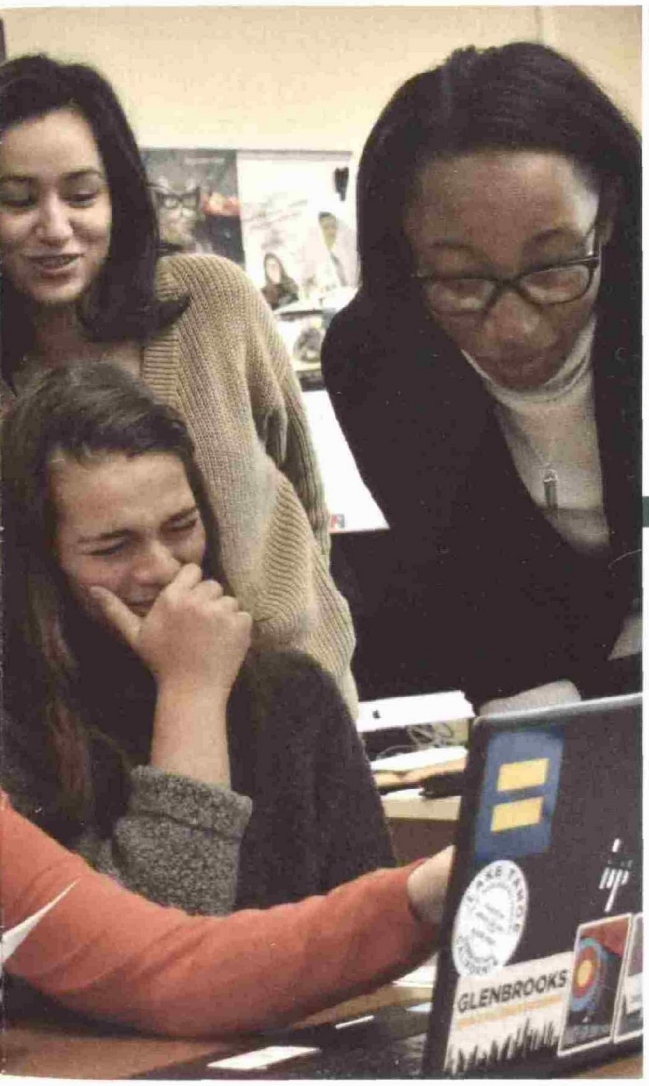
"Build week is a week filled with caffeine, stress, and pizza," Robert Young, junior, said. "We sit in the lab in times ranging from anywhere between 5 p.m. after school to 10 p.m. We just grind out this newspaper. We put our heart and soul, sweat, tears and blood into it."

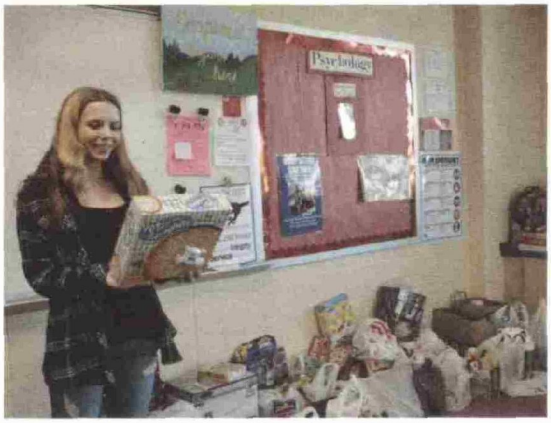
The Crier staff gets overwhelmed and stressed during build week. In a way, build week is almost like finals week or trying to write an essay in one night.

"I think that there are two really important things students should know about Crier: Students are actually writing Crier, not the administration or teachers, and Crier is not fake news," Mimi said. "Everything we write is coming from interviews that we conduct."

The staff does their best to write stories that students will actually read. Despite their main objective they have many personal goals for themselves. They work to improve their writing and photography along with the quality of the paper. Crier is made to keep the students updated, not only on school activities, but on worldwide news, too.

"My goal as a publication's adviser is that we are covering the things that students want to read, that it's interesting, and they can pick it up and it means something to them," Ms. Lanman said. "It informs them in a way that they maybe wouldn't get somewhere else."





toys for tots

Standing in front of the class, Nicole Baginski, junior, holds and speaks about one of her donated toys. Students in AP Psychology had an option to write an essay or donate toys to charity. "My toy was really weird which was why I was talking about it. It was called the Yeti in My Spaghetti," Nicole said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

quiet game

In newspaper class, Lilia Brunetti, junior, Elizabeth Fonseca, senior, Mercedez Williams, junior, Carey Scott and Mimi Brody, seniors, play a game of Silent Library. She wanted her staff to participate in some team bonding. "You basically have to do weird challenges without talking, laughing, or making a noise," Mimi said. Photo by Lana Salahieh

surviving capstone

Maddy Foreit, senior, created a starter pack for students to abide by during those crazy all-nighter Capstone nights

coffee
to keep you awake for when you're about to fall asleep on your friends kitchen table

blankets
for the 15 minute power naps when you cannot stay awake any longer

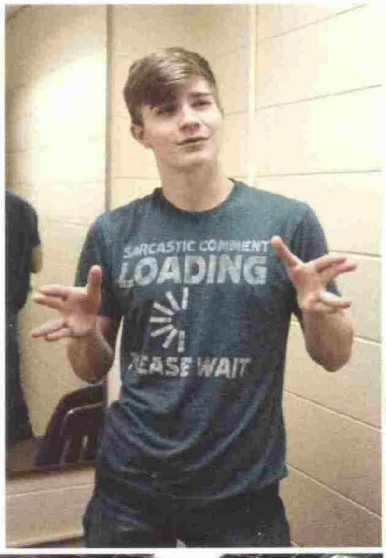
take-out
to refuel so you have enough energy to focus for the very, very long night

markers
for jotting down ideas no matter how sleep deprived and bad the ideas are

"One time at lunch Trinitee (Hassan) was choking on her fry for about five minutes and no one noticed. We thought she was dancing or something." **Jorianna Hazel, 11**

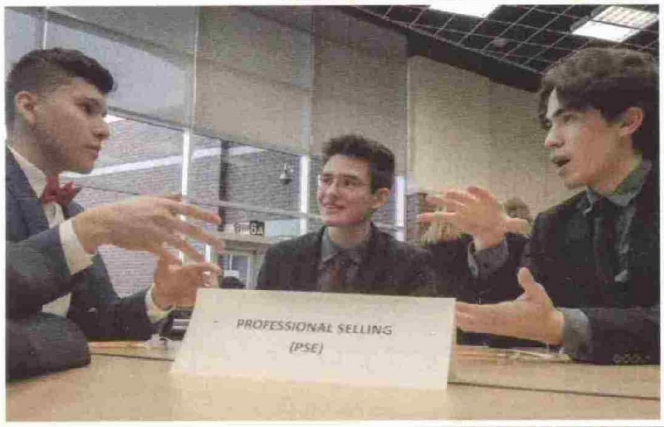
all jacked up

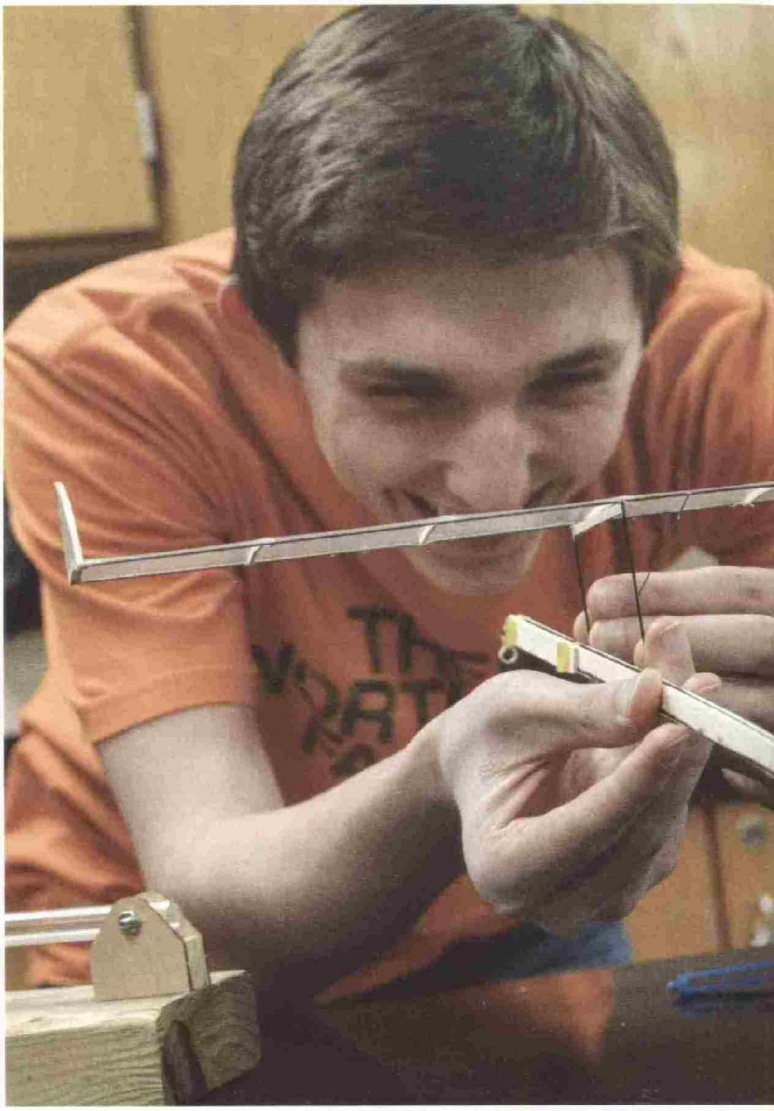
Working on his speech piece, Jack Sullivan, junior, practices in Mr. Jordan Mayer's room. Jack was in a duo with Mikey McDunn, performing a humourous interpretation of Animal Farm. "We wanted to do something funny that also carried some meaning to it, so we did (Animal Farm) for the random characters and the political themes," Jack said. Photo by Lana Salaheh



getting ready

Preparing for their DECA round, Max Paredes, Adam Wisniewski and Ben Foreit, seniors, talk passionately. They were discussing how to put as much information onto four note cards within their time constraint. "Most of it was how we performed and acted during our role-plays; what we brought up, and where we screwed up so badly that we questioned why we were even there," Ben said. Photo by Mimi Brody





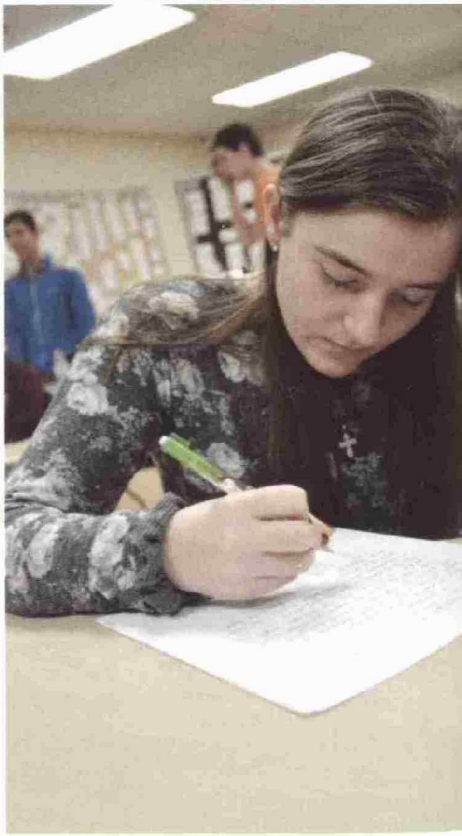
to the table

George Dimopoulos, junior, president of Ping Pong Club, shares how the club has been important to him

"Ping Pong Club is important to me because its an extracurricular that allows me to relax, hang with my friends, and have fun in the midst of being involved in some other more stressful extracurriculars."

sawesome

Demonstrating proper use of equipment during Robotics practice, Alyssa Sangueza, sophomore, and Serena Alvarez, junior, exercise safety precautions. The club helped to introduce students to robotic principles. "Robotics was a big impact on me because I got to make so many new friends and I got to learn new things that I never really knew before," Alyssa said. Photo by Lana Salaheh



"One time Kamryn (Hayes) and I walked out of Beggar's and she slipped on a piece of ice and slid into the street." Trinitee Hassan, 11

fight or flight

Students discuss various competitive clubs

High school created a competitive environment. Whether it was trying to win first at an early morning speech competition, or building a machine for Science Olympiad, competition was something many clubs try to promote.

One club that promoted this was Speech and Debate, a major influence in the realm of competitive clubs. English teacher Mr. Jordan Mayer, the head coach of the team, is always promoting new membership.

"I would encourage that students looked into Speech and Debate if they had available time and an interest in investing in their future," Mr. Mayer said. "We had categories for everyone. All it took was time."

If performing in front of an audience didn't seem like a fit for their skills, students could try scientific and engineering based clubs, like Science Olympiad or Robotics. These clubs focused more on the STEM path of schooling and competed with other schools throughout the year.

"Science Olympiad was one of the academic teams we had here, and it covered a lot of different area of science that we normally don't cover in class. It ranged from astronomy to building a small airplane," Sophie Hand, junior, said.

Students could also join a club like eSports. This club was dedicated to competitive video gaming, and was sponsored by Mr. Nate Thompson, science teacher.

"ESports was this club that, for all intents and purposes, was just great," Joey McCraw, senior, said. "You got to spend time with your friends, and play video games at the same time. What else could anyone want?"

flying colors

Working on a build for Science Olympiad, Brett Soeka, sophomore, constructs an airplane. He was working on the project for an upcoming competition. "Definitely the life skills you learn in Science Olympiad, like time managment, will stick with me forever," Brett said. Photo by Lana Sobhani

put to the test

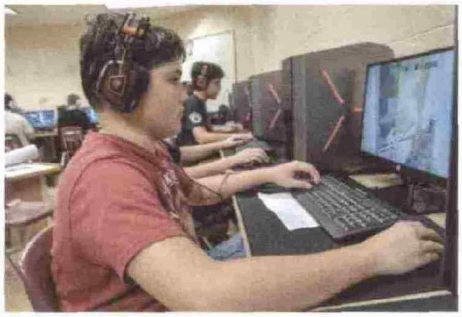
Taking a sample exam, Anya Fitzpatrick, junior, practices for competition. She was preparing for an upcoming Science Olympiad tournament. "Codebusters is all about decoding and encoding different types of ciphers, it's really fun," Anya said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

deca discussions

After their round in DECA, seniors Nicole Biestek, Melissa Mardayla, Max Paredes and Nicole Choros play games while they wait for the awards ceremony. They were competing in business preparedness events. "DECA gives you something to do and opportunities to come together with your peers and work together," Nicole said. Photo by Molly Sheafly

ahead of the game

Joey McCraw, senior, talks about why eSports is a club he is proud to be a member of



point and click

Participating in an eSports practice after school, Sam Rodriguez, sophomore, plays Rainbow Six Siege. He was practicing for a tournament that took place later in the year. "I think it is a good place for people with a common interest to get together and have a good time," Sam said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

"eSports is this club that promotes an environment that allows people to be themselves, make new friends, and play video games competitively. We compete in Esports leagues with teams from all over. It's actually really cool and I'm glad to be a part of the club."

"Brooke Reyonalds broke her foot but she's always so happy about it. I always think of her that way." **Lourdes Belgrade, 9**

What do you gain from helping others?

"Personally, I do not think you gain much. I mean, you can gain favors or you can gain respect from others, but you can't physically gain anything."
Brody Barlage, 10

"You learn more about the person and make a better friendship."
Anna Babus, 9

"I feel like helping others can teach you new experiences. Since you're teaching them, they can also teach you."
Patricia Castro, 11

speaking out

In the Athletics Office, Lilia Brunetti, junior, gives an announcement to the school. Throughout the week announcements regarding safety week, were broadcasted on behalf of SAC. "I was hoping everyone would take the committees' words into consideration and it (the words) would positively impact the school," Lilia said.

Photo by Elizabeth Fenech

ringing in a new chapter

story by Mia Terek

new club gives students a diverse voice regarding policies, school spirit and safety

These days, a time where school safety is a immense concern, the newly formed club, the Student Advisory Council, meets every two weeks to discuss current school issues, safety, and policies.

"The Student Advisory Council aims to promote safety, school spirit, and school issues, for a unified Munster High School," Peyton Specht, sophomore, said. "We discuss current issues and policies to represent all students at Munster."

To become a member of the Student Advisory Council, students had to submit an application as well as receive a teacher recommendation.

"It was opened up to any student that wanted to apply," the Student Advisory Council sponsor Mrs. Valerie Zemaitis, Assistant Principal, said. "It was based on essay questions students had to answer, as well as some teacher input as well."

The Student Advisory Council aims to represent and cater to all of the school's students with their diverse membership.

"All types of students are involved in the Student Advisory Council, students from different grades, genders, ethnic backgrounds and points of view," Peyton said.

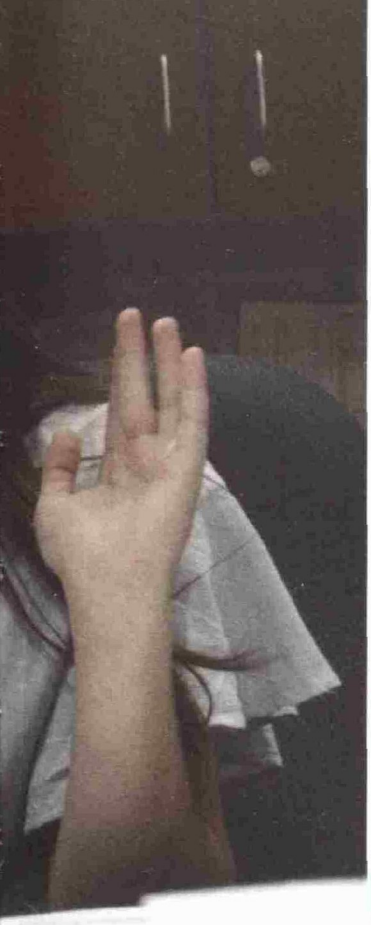
Members of the Student Advisory are able to find common ground on certain topics even though their views may vary.

"Although the Student Advisory Council is diverse in its members, the one thing we all have in common is that we care about our school," Maha Alshamaileh, freshmen, said.

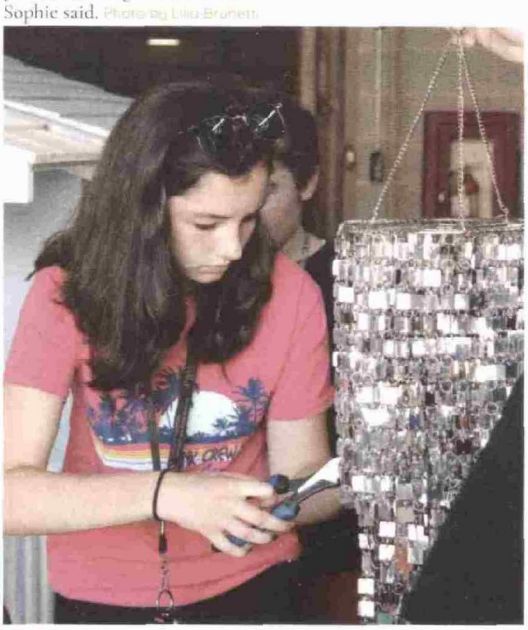
Earlier in the year, members of the Student Advisory Council went on the announcements at the end of the school day to promote Safety Week.

"We also planned to get input from students and staff about various topics to help figure out how to make students feel safe, endorse the policy, and to spread spirit," Maha said. "We contribute to the student body by showing we're all on the same side."

"Brooke Reynolds broke her foot, but she was always so happy about it. I always think of her that way." **Lourdes Belgrade, 9**



shine bright Decorating the Beauty and the Beast themed Homecoming Playhouse, Sophie Hand, junior, builds a chandelier. Each grade decorated a playhouse to raise money for their designated charity. "The charity we chose was Ronald McDonald House, and we painted that logo on the inside of the roof," Sophie said. Photo by Lilly Brunett



get civic-cal

Civics club members explain common misconceptions

fiction: Civics club never meets

fact:

"Civics Club holds monthly meetings and each one typically pertains to a specific political event/theme."

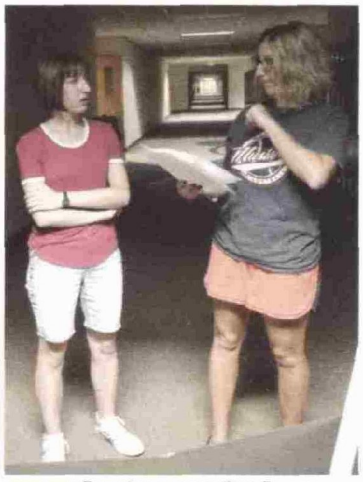
President Jaclyn Webber, 12

fiction: Civics club does nothing

fact:

"This year we held elections for Civics Club leadership positions and members took a political compass test, where we determined our position in politics based on real life situations in the form of questions."

Kailyn Oganovich, 10



step up Running a game, Sam Barraza, senior, teaches a child how to play. Members of Project X and NHS ran games and concessions at the annual Breakfast with Santa. "I wanted to make sure that all the kids were having fun," Sam said. Photo by Lana Salahieh

hungers hero After finishing collecting the last bags of donations, Student Government Vice President Maddy Foreit, senior, puts down a bag of food. Student Government annually runs a food drive to help those in need. "I was amazed at the amount of food that Munster had donated and very proud of our student body for taking part," Maddy said. Photo by Megan Szymanski

team effort Building the Homecoming decorations, Annie Ostojic, junior, and Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, social studies teacher, discuss the best approach to constructing the Eiffel Tower decoration. Every year Student Government runs and sets up the annual Homecoming Dance. "I was pondering how we could engineer a support system to reinforce the structure. Working together, we came up with a solution, and it worked," Annie said. Photo by Manuel Sada

missing link

Link Crew leader Joe Bellahcen, senior, discusses the do's and don'ts of being in Link crew

Do:

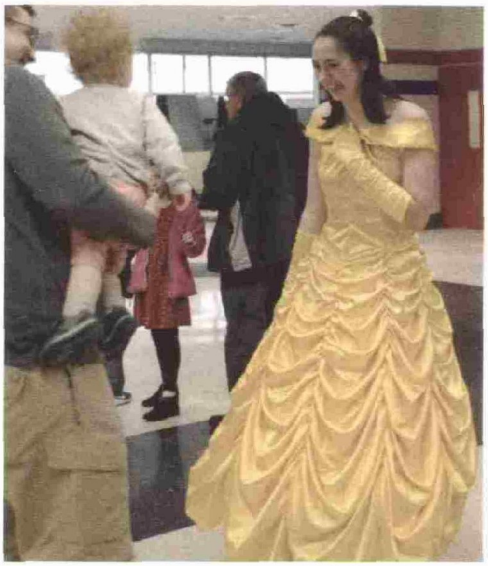
- Wear your Link Crew shirt
- Act as a role model
- Be part of the experience
- Smile and have fun

Don't:

- Use your phone
- Pick favorites
- Encourage negative behavior
- Act uninterested

"The goal is that the kids will be able to ask you when they need help during the year."

Joe Bellahcen, 12



princess etiquette Dressed up as Belle from "Beauty and the Beast," Ashley Nita, sophomore, smiles at a child at the annual Breakfast with Santa. Ashley and other members of theatre dressed up as Disney Princesses to earn hours for NHS and Project X. "The whole time I tried to remember to smile and to not break character," Ashley said. Photo by Lana Salahieh

a day in the life

Project X member Ashley Nita, sophomore, describes her Sunday schedule on her volunteer days

7:30 a.m.	wake up
8:10 a.m.	get ready for church
8:15 a.m.	leave for church
8:30 a.m.	choir rehearsal
9 a.m.	service starts
10 a.m.	service ends
10:05 a.m.	sunday school
10:30 a.m.	volunteer in the food pantry
11:15 a.m.	clean up and go home

"In choir in eighth grade Megan (Samuels) stood up and ripped her pants." Brooke Reyonalds, 9

passing the torch

football reflects on their first year with a new coach

Going 2-8, Football faced staggering losses. Despite their season record, the team remained positive throughout the entirety of the season.

"Our record was not really something to be proud of, but it wasn't indicative of who we were as a team," Javaughn Richards, senior, said. "We all got along pretty well and it showed on Fridays in my opinion; it didn't really matter what the score was. There were close losses, and some not so close, but I think it was tough to tell because we played as hard as we could given every circumstance that came up.

This newfound optimism for the future season likely comes from the appointment of a fresh head coach, Jason Grunewald, WWMS teacher. Coach Grunewald's appointment to the position follows the retirement of the long standing coach, Mr. Leroy Marsh, health teacher.

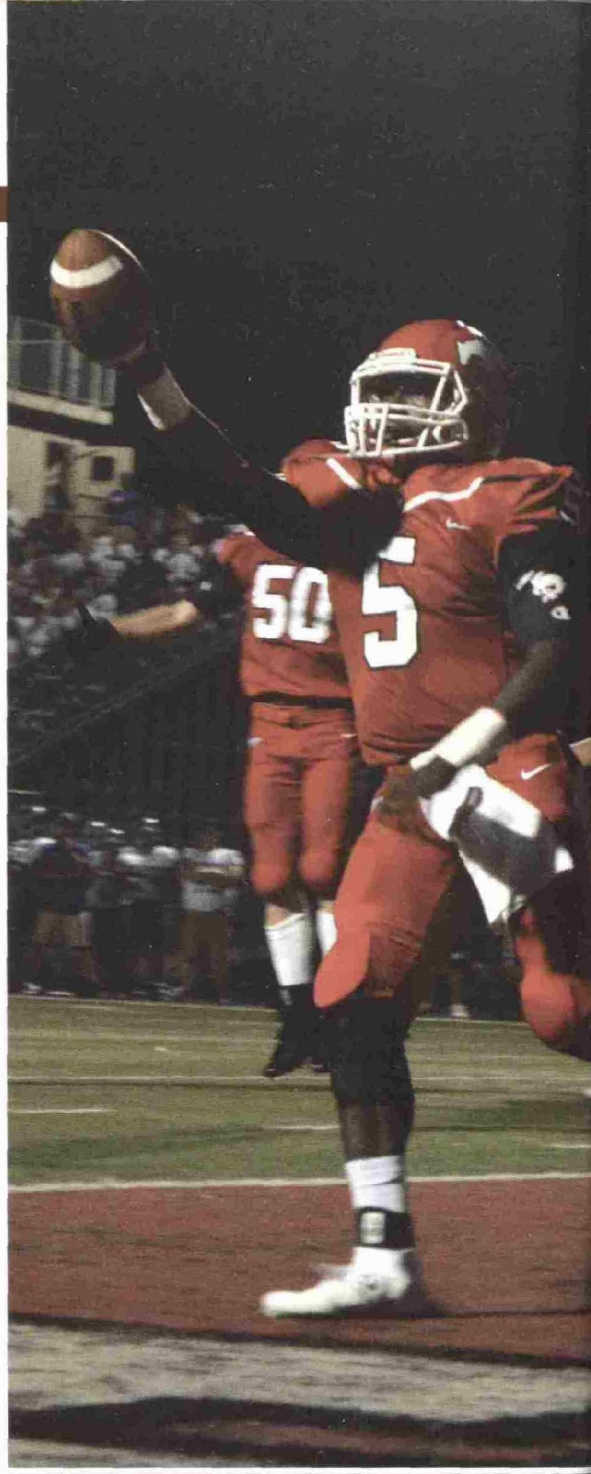
"I was glad they promoted Grunewald to head coach when Coach Marsh retired," Cole Lesinski, junior, said. "Grunewald brought many little positive changes that made practice and life better. I felt like he modernized things, but didn't change things drastically."

The new head coach for the varsity team wasn't the only change Football made this season. In the wake of a generally low turnout for tryouts, the JV team was scrapped, instead replaced by a new counterpart: the Freshmen-Sophomore team.

"Because of reduced numbers of participants in Football, we had to combine the JV and freshman teams into the Freshman-Sophomore Team," Mr. Josh Herold, history teacher, said. "As a general trend overall across American society, football is losing players. Despite our low numbers, the team did very well. Once we all came together, we saw tremendous results."

Mr. Herold, the assistant coach for what was formerly the JV team, expressed his hopes that in the future more people will rekindle their participation in the sport.

"It takes a certain mental and physical toughness to play," he said. "If there is a higher turnout next year, I assume we'll go back to the old teams, but I think we'll be this way for a few more seasons."



the crowd goes wild
Following a touchdown, Javaughn Richards (5), senior, celebrates having scored. He was running the ball towards the student section in reaction to the cheering crowd. "I had just scored and it was a really big moment in the game because the other team had just scored," Richards said.
photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

worth it
Watching the coin toss, Nick Eng (12), junior, prepares to storm the field. Eng tried his hardest to keep calm in the heat of the moment. "It was a fun season despite losing so much and we did so much team oriented stuff," Eng said.
photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

smells fishy

Seniors Tim Radtke and Luke Forszt have a ritual of eating Long John Silver's before every home football game

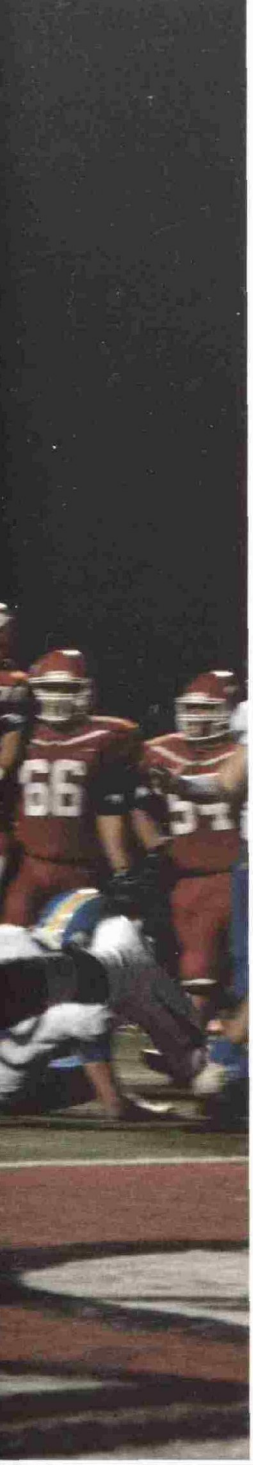
"Long John Silver's is obviously notorious for **gross** food, but it's actually delicious."
—Luke Forszt, 12

"We came up with names. Ol' Sleepy Fins, Frankenfish, Captain Silver, Lady Silver and many more."
—Tim Radtke, 12

"One time Taylor (Perez) slept over and she stepped on a bottle of water and it exploded all over her face." **Megan Samuels, 9**

time out

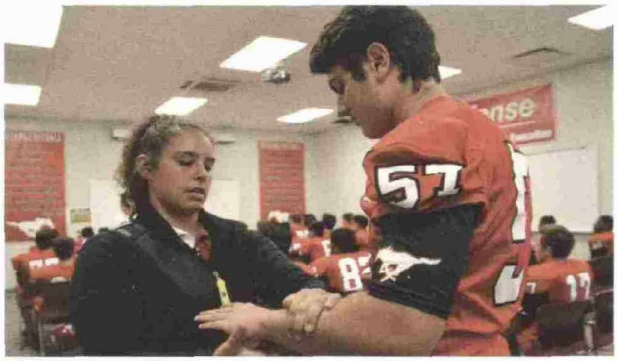
football players toughed it out this season despite their injuries

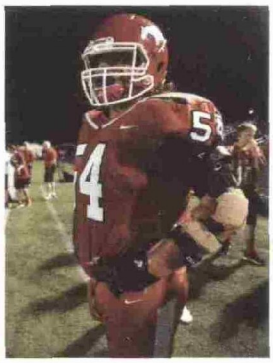


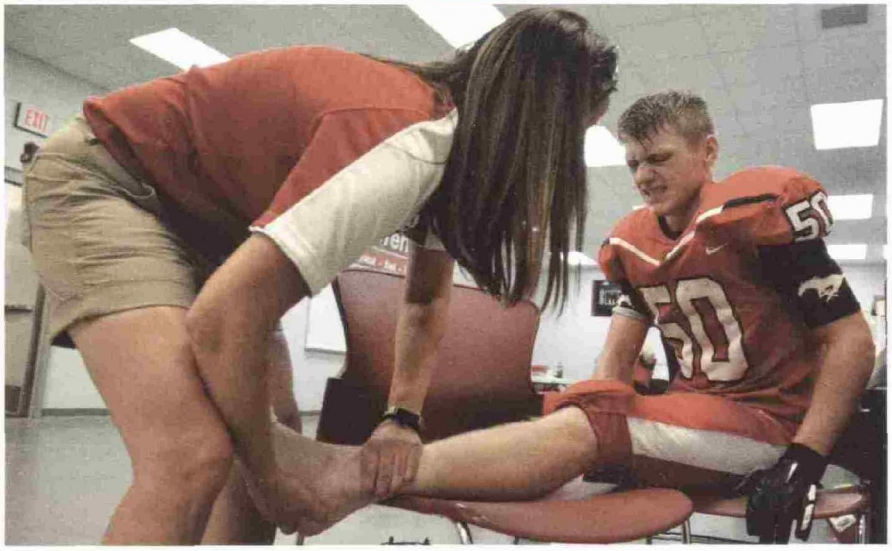
helping hand
Preparing for the Homecoming Game, Kosta Fotopoulos (57), senior, takes advice from assistant head trainer, Tori Wilson. Each player spent the season improving their skills. "Through all the hardships, it brought our team closer," Fotopoulos said.

brace yourself
Watching from the sidelines, Ali Soto (54), senior, looks on as Kankakee Valley scores a touchdown. "I was realizing that the season was almost over and I was just taking it all in," Soto said. "It was my last home game as a Mustang and it really hit me hard."

in a twist
Getting his ankle checked out by Mrs. Mary Spina, trainer, Evan Zukley (50), junior, grimaces in pain. Zukley played in the Homecoming Game despite his previous injury. "It taught me more about the moral principle to not simply just give up even if things do end up taking the wrong turn," Zukley said.







How did you get into football?

"In 7th grade, Mr. Gelarden was my teacher for science and he said that he needed more people for Football, so I tried out for the eighth grade team and I stuck with it through high school."
Alex Marich, 10

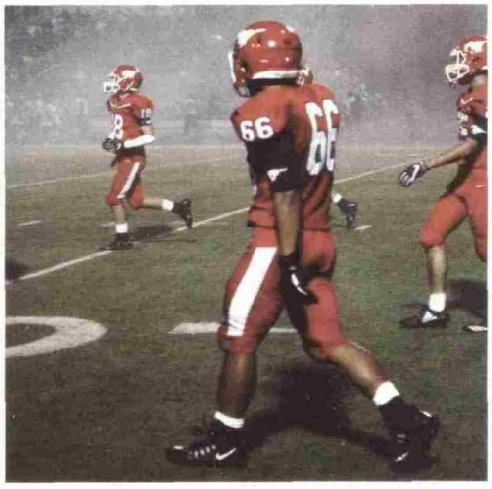
"My dad was the football coach and he wanted me and my older brother to play."
Jonah Clark, 12

"I started in the second grade and I haven't stopped since. It's something my dad played in high school for a while, so I think he really tried to get my mom to let me play, and eventually gave in. Now I'm still playing and this will be my tenth year."
Michael Dywan, 11

"I started in second grade and I wanted to play because all of my cousins played."
DJ Cooper, 11

"It was something I always grew up with and my dad told me all his stories from when he played and I wanted to experience the same things."
Joey Burns, 11

"One of my friends was doing it one summer so I just showed up to mini camp freshman year and I did it because I wanted to try a new sport."
Ronan Meyer, 11



to infinity
Standing his ground, Dawson Ginaven (13), junior, defends his team against Highland. Despite his efforts, the game ended with a score of 30-20. "The season didn't exactly turn out as planned, but we still gave it our all and had each other's backs," Ginaven said.
photo by Lilia Brunetti

in the air
Walking on the field, James Kocal (66), senior, looks at the Highland crowd after they released baby powder. He was upset following a Highland touchdown. "We were really upset about it, but we had to get back into the game and refocus," Kocal said.
photo by Lilia Brunetti

"In eighth grade Alejandra Salas and I were walked but someone called her name so she turned around and crashed into a pole and fell to the ground." **Taylor Perez, 9**

first to last

seniors talk about their first year playing volleyball to their senior year

"Being a senior, I had to step into that leadership role. Being a leader and a role model for other individuals on the team was cool and different from my freshmen year."

Maddie Horin, 12

"My first year I remember being brand new and no one told me what to do. By being older I wanted to make sure that the new people knew what to do."

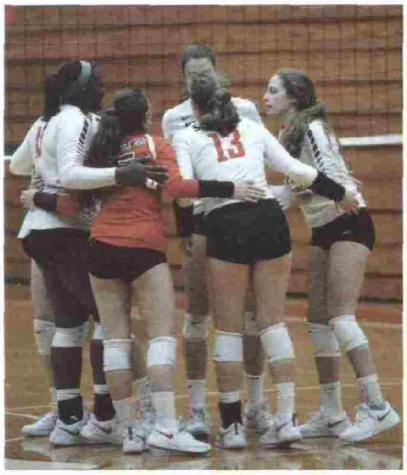
Jordyn Warner, 12

What position do you play? Why?

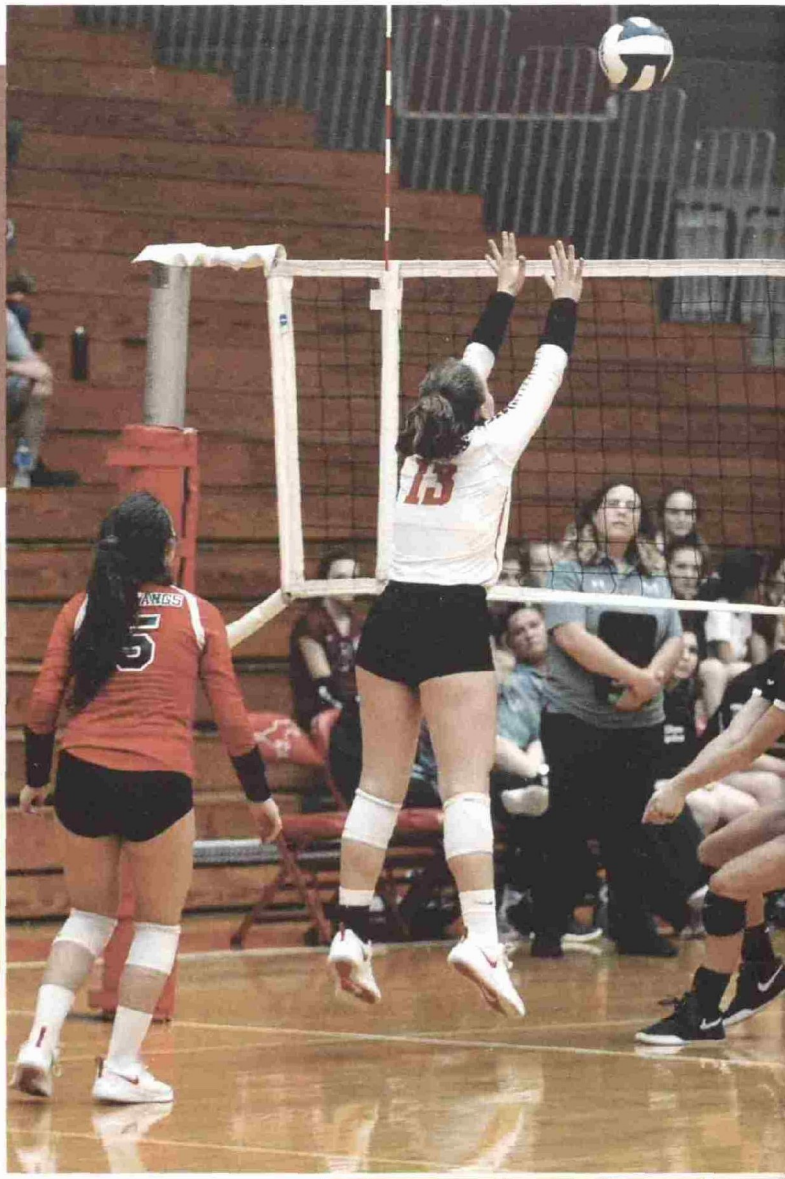
"I am a setter because it allows me to always be involved in every aspect of the game."
Basilia Kastopanagiotou, 9

"I play front middle because I am really tall and can get over the net easily." **Emily Banaszek, 10**

"I'm a setter. I just jumped into that position and my mom has been pushing me to stick with it because it is an important role on the team." **Sydney Foster, 11**



all together now
Huddling together, Jordyn Warner (18), senior, Sarah Morton (5), freshman, Lulu Torres (13), sophomore, Sydney Foster, (14), junior, support each other during a game. "We worked so well together and that's how we got through the game," Foster said. Photo by Robert Young



a family above all

volleyball achieves goals with help of an intense bond

Family, on and off the court, was the overall theme of the volleyball season.

"This season we got along a lot better (than other seasons)," Lulu Torres, sophomore, said.

Throughout the season, the girls developed a strong bond that was present both on and off the court.

"We all became super close throughout the season," Torres said. " We were literally like each others best friends."

The girls close friendship was initiated by long hours spent together.

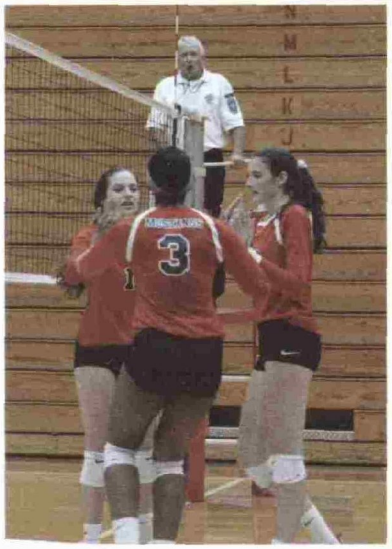
"We saw each other so much that we basically became family," Torres said. "Seeing each other everyday allowed us to become super close."

This close dynamic helped the girls thrive throughout the season.

"As a team, we had a lot of accomplishments," Lilly Lemke, junior, said. "We won Sectionals, we got to Regionals, and we beat really big teams that we didn't beat last year. We were able to reverse all of our losses from last year."

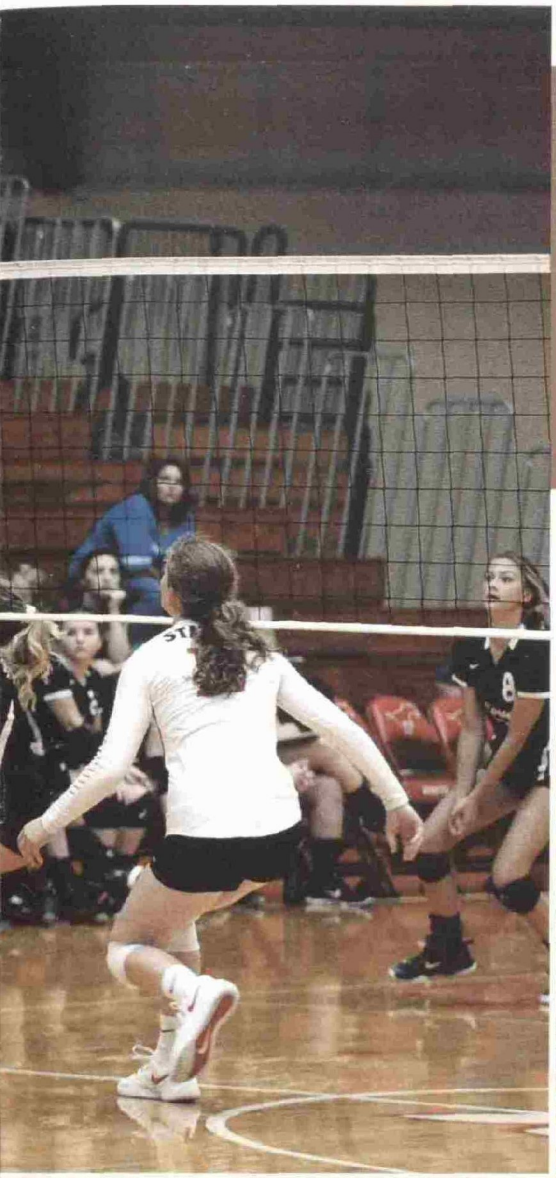
In previous years, the girls were not lucky enough to have this strong bond.

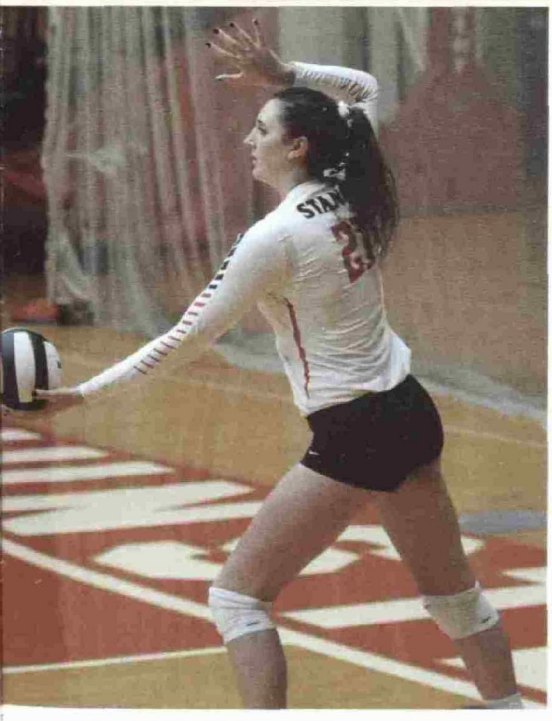
"We were a lot more successful than last year," Lemke said. "This year, the team was much more like a family."

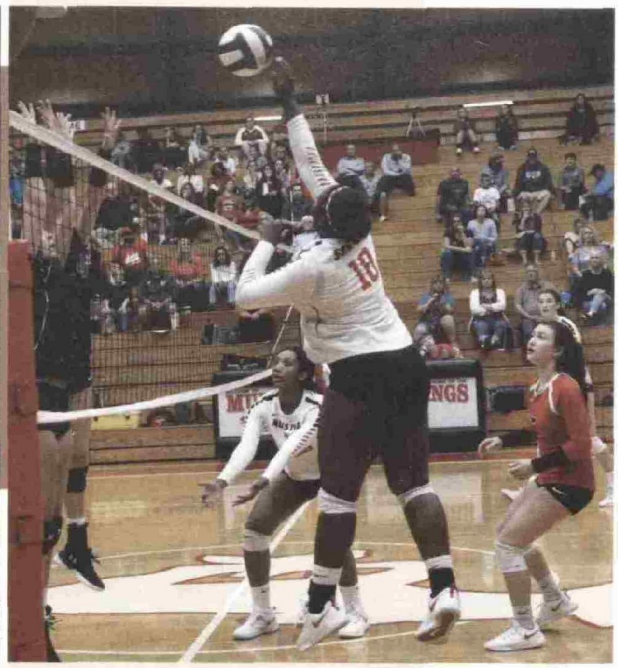


dream team
After the play, Laila Wallace (3), junior, Haley Melby (7), freshmen and Sydney Foster (14), junior, get together to give each other encouragement. After every play, the girls would quickly huddle up. "I was thinking about what plays we were running and how I could improve," Wallace said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

"I was walking home with my friend Julia (Grabelle) and she just randomly tripped and fell on the sidewalk and I couldn't stop laughing at her." **Alejandra Salas, 9**

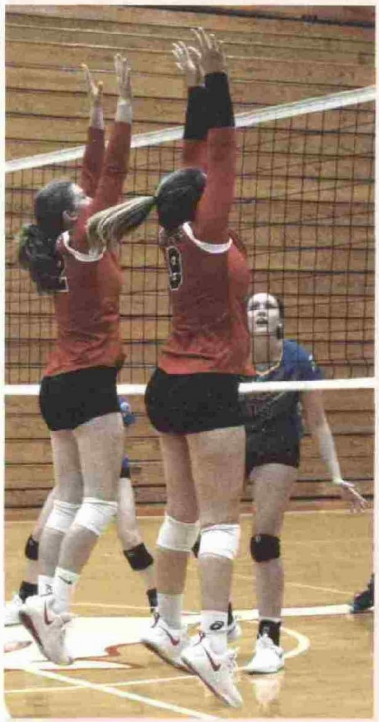






better together
Concentrating, Sarah Morton (5), freshman, Lulu Torres (13), sophomore, and Holly Kaim (12), sophomore, prepare for the ball to come over the net. "I was thinking about how I was late to block the ball," Torres said.
Photo by Robert Young

it's going down
While Jordyn Warner (18), senior, tips the ball, Laila Wallace (3), junior, and Sarah Morton (5), freshman, make sure to cover behind her. "When (the game) was more positive I was at ease, but when the game was going bad, I had to make more judgment calls," Warner said.
Photo by Sydney Pastor



block this
Jumping, Holly Kaim (12), sophomore, and Lilly Lemke (9), junior, block the ball from reaching their side. Kaim and Lemke work together to make a strong block. "In that moment, all I was thinking of was winning the game," Kaim said.
Photo by Megan Syzmanski

serve it up
Standing on the left-side of the court, Maddie Horin (21), senior, prepares to serve the ball. "Before big games I tried to think of the reps I have done during practice, I really would try to remember that muscle memory of the drills that we've done over and over again," Horin said.
Photo by Robert Young

defensive specialist

Sarah Morton, freshmen, talks about being a libero

Q: What is a libero?
A: The leader of the back row.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a libero?
A: My favorite part is I'm always on the court and I am always moving around court.

Q: Why do you like being a libero?
A: Personally, I am an outgoing person. It is easier for me to take charge and to push everyone to do better.

Q: What are the common misconceptions about liberos?
A: Just because you wear a different jersey it doesn't make you special. If you wear a different jersey it means that you are the best passer on the team. By being the best in the back row you have to be a leader.

"Amanda (Blackstone) and I made a small cult in French class with some other people and we would chant random French things." **Julia Grabelle, 9**

a rocky start

girls' soccer prove themselves after not being ranked

The girls started off the season without being ranked, a shock to the team.

"I know it was a bad thing but I feel like it motivated us," Maddie Hansen, senior, said. "We were all so mad that it brought us together and made us push ourselves even harder."

The lack of recognition made the team work harder to better themselves.

"We wanted to prove everyone wrong and show them that we should have been," Alice Foley, junior, said.

The team faced Crown Point in back-to-back games this year, where they were able to prove their skill.

"The first time we played Crown Point we were playing a phenomenal game, we were in the lead 3-0 by half," Hansen said. "At second half we kind of fell apart and they came back and beat us 4-3."

Some players felt the ending of the game was unfair due to having an injured player and instead of calling time to wait for her to get up, they let the clock run.

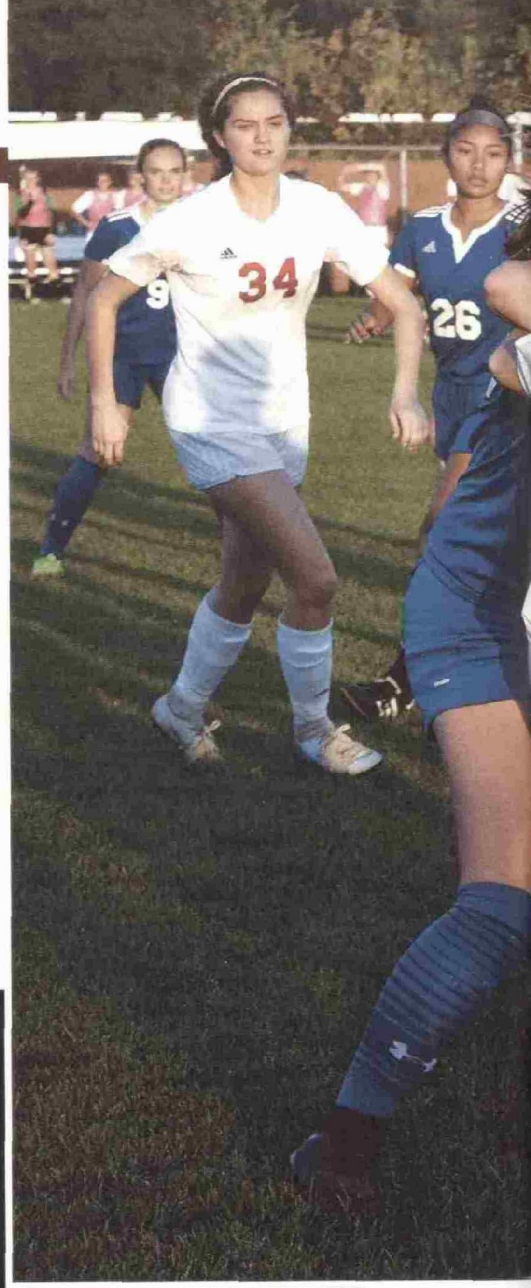
"There was like thirty seconds left and my calves had been cramping the whole game," Foley said. "I was on the ground trying to stretch it out and instead of waiting for me to get up they played out the quarter and (Crown Point) scored."

However, they made up for the loss during the next one, the first sectional game.

"It was amazing because we were all working so hard," Julie Nelson, junior, said. "That was the game that we really wanted to win and when we beat them finally in overtime it felt good."

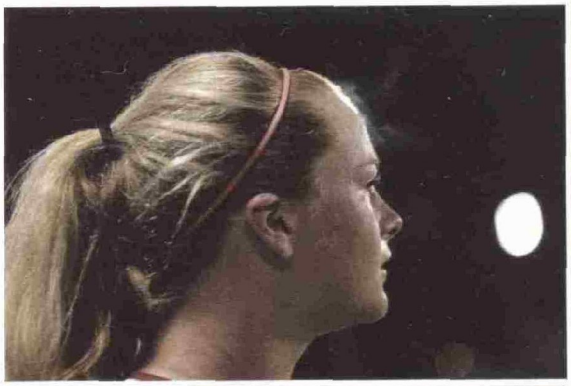
It was an exciting 3-2 win for the team.

"I've been playing high school soccer for four years and that game was such a great game," Hansen said. "I was literally on the sideline freaking out the entire time. It was such a close game and in the end we won and I'm so grateful for that."



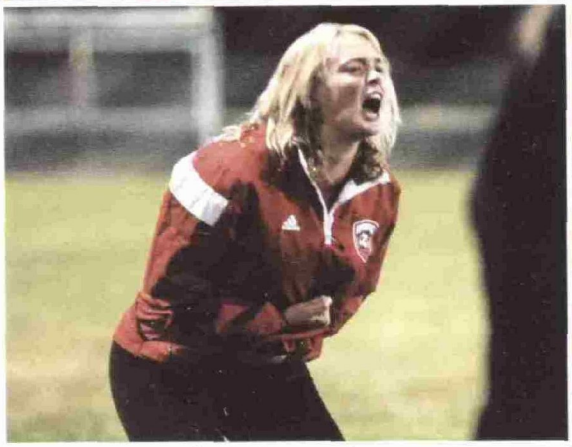
ball brawl

Taking control, Sam Barraza (9), senior, fights to gain the ball back for her teammates during a conference game. "I was kind of nervous but I was able to figure out how the girl I was defending played," Barraza said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



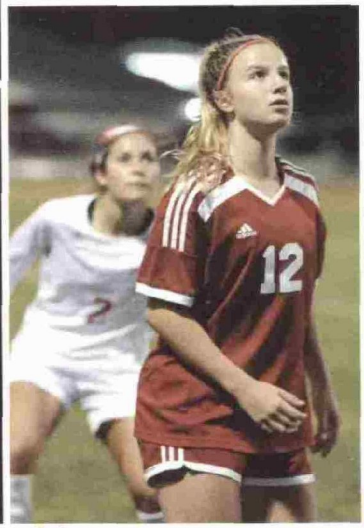
steaming hot

As her head steams, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, senior, watches from the sidelines. When she played in the cold her head steamed. "It happens all the time, but many of my teammates didn't know," Cipowski-Smith said. "It's really funny to watch how they react." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



losing in seconds

Getting into the game, Grace Helmer, junior, cheers on her teammates. With only a few seconds left, Crown Point broke the tie and made the score 4-3. "It was very frustrating because I wanted to be out there to help my team, but I couldn't because I was injured," Helmer said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



ball drop

Waiting for the ball, Kayla Ziel (12), sophomore, looks to the sky. The girls did their best to defeat their opponent for their last game of the regular season. "It was a really high, intense game, so all I wanted to do was maintain the possession of the ball and do my best," Ziel said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

What's your favorite thing about soccer?

"The feeling after winning a big game."
Alaina Lany, 12

"The fact that it's outside. You have more space and you're not as confined as in other sports."
Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, 11

"Being a part of a team and working towards the same goal."
Alice Foley, 10

"I like the opportunity of meeting new people on the different teams I join and play against."
Lainie Gideon, 9

"When I first met my friend Samantha (Migliore) we were wearing the same shirt so I declared our friendship and we are still friends today." Amanda Blackstone, 9

royal pain

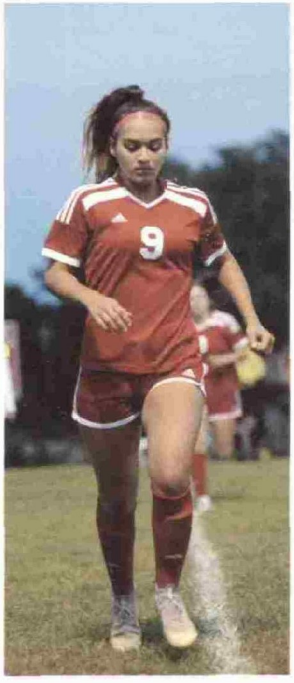
the team discusses the many injuries they had to deal with this season

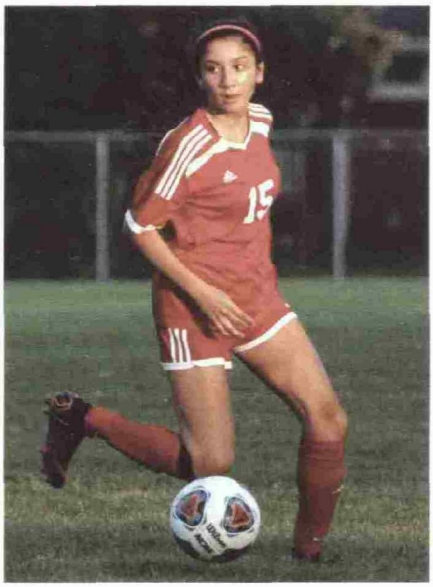
"During the Hobart game, I went to stop a cross and the force from (the opponent's) foot and the ball cracked my angle and I had a high ankle sprain. I was out for most of it in a boot." **Madi Griegel, 11**

"In one of the first games of the season I went in for the ball and someone got my ankle and I fell. I sprained my ankle, and I was out for the rest of the season. I only got to play the last four games in post season." **Carson Kekelik, 10**

"I fractured my ankle in the KV game. I fell on (my ankle) wrong then some girl stepped on it. I just sat out for one game." **Annabelle Giannini, 12**

"I got injured a week before school started at practice. I tore my ACL completely then it got infected and I had to have another surgery. I never got to play an official game because I tore it before the regular season started." **Brenna Dyrhaug, 12**





crazy good Leaping for the ball, goalie Janica Van Ghunt, senior, practices during warm-up. "Goalies are crazy," Janica said. "We have to put our heads in by feet that are trying to kick us, so we have lots of bravery." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **stepping up** Talking about the beginning of the game Addy Andello (9), senior, said, "It's kind of a tradition to fist pump each other after our names are called out. Usually before games we are super serious." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **in a search** Exploring the field, Marisa Peredes (15), sophomore, looks for an open teammate. "Soccer to me is something I always liked to do on my extra time," Peredes said. "I started playing when I was young, around five or six." Photo by Melanie Powers

"One time in gym Owen (Pirok) stepped on a wasp so we had a funeral for it and sang My Chemical Romance songs." **Samantha Migliore, 9**

Who is your go-to person on the field?

"David Dafiaghor. If I don't pass to him, he gets really mad."

Max Marich, 10

"I like to pass to Myles Peterson. He is a good player and super reliable."

Nolan Dicarlo, 11

"Since I play left back, I usually have the most people to pass to. My favorites are either Max Parades, or Tyler Cucina, depending on where I want the ball to go on the field."

Adam Wisniewski, 12

middle man

After stealing the ball, David Dafiaghor (7), senior, tries to shake the defender. He does body fakes so the defender gets confused as to which way he is going. "Although it was hard, I had to stay composed," Dafiaghor said. "As a midfielder, the rest of the players rely on me to distribute the ball." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

get your head in the game

Huddling up his team, Luke Davidson (21), senior, reassures them that they were still in the game. It was halftime during the sectional final, against Morton. "I knew that if we just played our game we would be fine," Davidson said. "We had come back from much worse before." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

if the shoe fits

teammates Roman Garcia, junior, and Max Parades, senior, argue why their brand is best

Nike

- narrower
- foot does not slide
- more control

"Anything else feels wrong"

Cleats and content provided by Max Paredes, 12

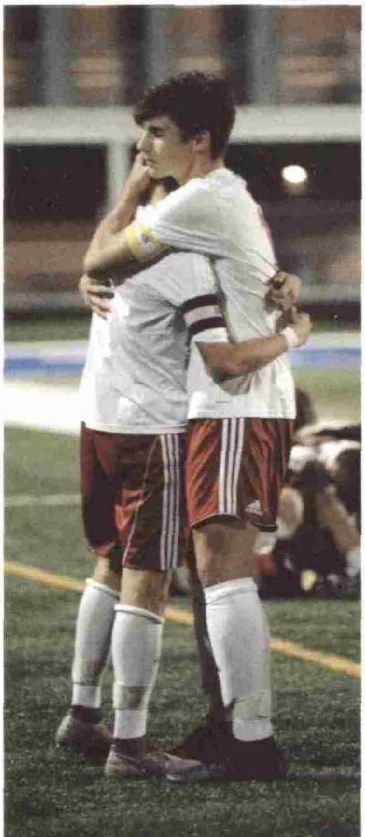
Versus

Adidas

- wider fit
- easier foot movement
- thicker material

"They are the most comfortable"

Cleats and content provided by Roman Garcia, 11



hug it out

On the sidelines, Sean Adams, senior, hugs his teammate Max Paredes, senior. Max had just missed his penalty shot which eventually led to their loss against Morton in the sectional final. "It was a tough loss for all of us," Adams said. "But I guess it was not meant to happen." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

"I was playing games with my friend Roman (Thompson) and I got really excited and knocked over all the drinks on the table and almost ruined it, and Roman had to clean it all up." Owen Pirok, 9

where there's Will there's a way

Story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

Will Teske, senior, talks through the devastating effects of his ACL tear

Senior season is a high school athlete's last year to prove themselves, their last year to succeed, and their last year to enjoy the experience as a whole. Will Teske, senior, had his senior season stripped away from him, but he still did everything he could to try and preserve his last season as a high school soccer player.

It was during his spring club season when Teske twisted his knee the wrong way. The pain eventually dissipated so he thought nothing of it, but when it came back, he knew it was time to see a doctor.

"Dr. McComis initially thought it was a bone contusion because I was still able to walk," Teske said. "I was praying for a good diagnosis, but the cards were not dealt in my favor."

Teske was told he had a unique full ACL tear and a Bucket Handle Meniscus tear. "When I found out I was devastated, heartbroken," he said. "I was speechless and I did not think there was any hope for me anymore."

Despite being blind-sided, Teske took immediate action and told his coach, Mr. Jim Prasopolos, West Lake teacher. "He was at a loss for words as well," Teske said. "I know in his heart he wanted me to play, but under the circumstances I knew he would not allow me to play at all."

"It is always terrible to hear when one of your players gets hurt," Coach Prasopolos said. "It was something we just needed to adjust to." Since Teske's parents wanted him to succeed, they helped convince Coach Prasopolos to let him play.

"I gave it my all each time I stepped onto the soccer field," Teske said. "But that didn't mean I wasn't in pain." As he played his knee would frequently lock up and he would be forced to stop, and his coach became reluctant to put him in. "I did not play much, but my coach did put me in during my final sectional game, and I greatly appreciated it," Teske said.

After the season, his surgery became top priority. He scheduled his surgery for Nov. 1 and was to return home on Nov. 2, but that was not the case. When he arrived home he lost all feeling in his leg, and started getting high fevers.

"I thought it was just an effect of anesthesia," Teske said. "I fought through the pain until my fever reached 103.8 degrees Fahrenheit." Teske was rushed to the hospital and he endured a countless amount of tests. The tests determined that he had contracted a bacteria called scants, which he had a one in one thousand chance of getting. "The theory was the surgeon used unsterile tools when they performed my ACL surgery," Teske said. On Nov. 8, he underwent another surgery to flush the bacteria out of his leg.

"I was at the hospital for three everlasting days," he said. Teske then had to get a fourth surgery to get a PICC line that delivered antibiotics to his heart while he was at home.

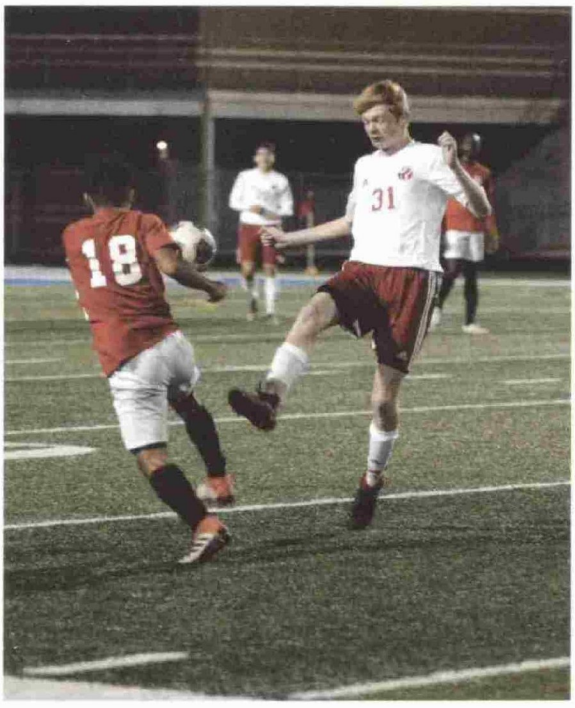
There were still more surgeries to come, and the outcome was unknown. If the bacteria spread to his arteries the results would be life changing.

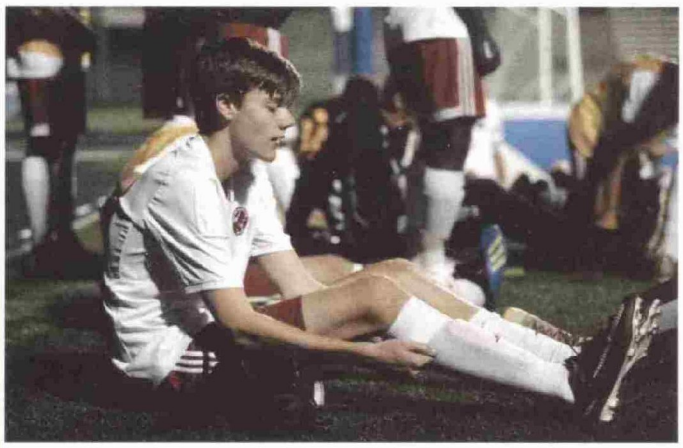
As for Teske's future soccer career, those questions remained unanswered.

"All I could hope for is that everything turned out okay," he said.

gear up

Will Teske, senior, puts on his brace he got to preserve his knee after his ACL tear. He originally bought the wrong type of brace. "When the trainer noticed that it was wrong, she ordered me a new one that I wore for every game," Teske said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca





more than a sport

After sending a ball, Kyle Kauffman, junior, watches it soar up the field. He has been playing soccer since he was 4-years-old. "Every time I step on the field I am anxious and excited to play," Kauffman said. "Soccer is my passion, it is my life."
Photo by Lilia Brunetti

for the win

Lifting his foot in the air, Michael Cundiff, sophomore, attempts to trap the ball. Fifty-fifty balls are very important to win because they determine possession. "Going up to win it is scary," Cundiff said. "But it is a great feeling if you actually win the ball."
Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

"During the soccer unit in gym, Lucas (Vesolowski) has been showing me how to play because I am really bad, like really bad." **Roman Thompson, 9**

third time's the charm

Story by Carey Scott

Girls' Cross Country discusses having three different coaches over the past three years

With three coaches in three years, Girls' Cross Country have experience some pitfalls and difficulties throughout their past few seasons.

"It (having a rotating coaching staff) has been really hard," Sam Buffano, junior, said. "My freshman year we had a really great coach and when she left it was really hard to get a new coach who would push us even harder than she did. Then, Mr. (Rick) Sluder (social studies teacher) was my coach for sophomore year, and that year was really hard because everyone got injured. This year we had Mr. (Aaron) Brown (WWMS teacher) as both of the coaches for girls' and boys' so that was really difficult."

The team is very flexible and has stayed strong throughout.

"It's just kind of hard to adapt to a new coach every year," Alyssa Nahnsen, junior, said. "You don't really have the nice consistency that other teams might have by doing a more set routine and having a plan to succeed, you know? But I mean, since everybody on the team so passionate about what they do, we're willing to compromise with whatever course they send our way."

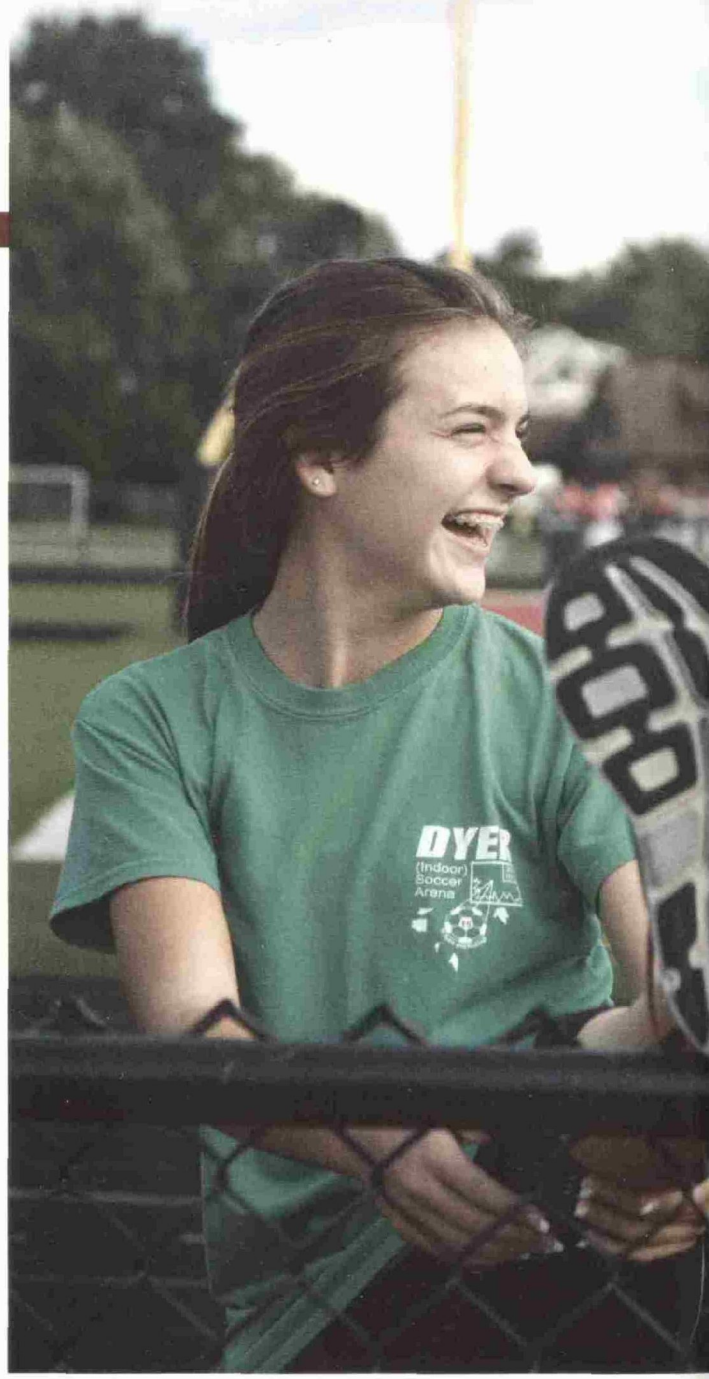
Mr. Brown has helped coach the girl's team this year alongside one of the team member's mom, Mrs. Lisa Boyle.

"Mrs. Boyle was a runner in high school," Nahnsen said. "It's nice to have someone who has experience and who's been there that you can turn to."

The girls had a hard time adapting, but in the end, it made the team stronger and more united.

"In the end we did pretty good," Buffano said. "The team really came together with Mr. Brown as a coach too, the boys' and the girls' team got a lot closer and it was really fun."

"It's like a second family," Erin Paskewitz, senior, said. "It sounds cheesy, but it's true. It's nice having a group of people you can always fall back on."

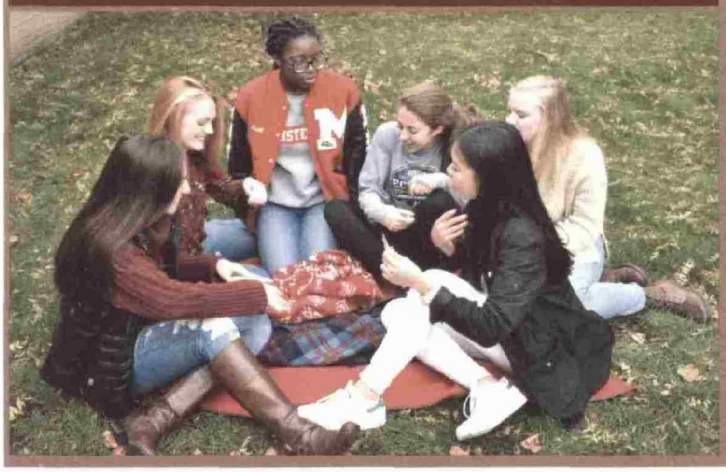


smiling and stretching

Cooling down after practice, Katie Hemmingway, junior, stretches against the fence around the track. "My favorite thing about cross country is being able to see myself and others perform from start to finish of the season," Hemmingway said. Photos by Lana Salahieh

in the long run

Some seniors from the cross country team discuss their friendship over the past years



together since the start

Moira Boyle, Faith Eriks, Annie Abioye, Audrey Stooksbury, Erin Paskewitz, and Nicole Lu, seniors. From teammates, to close friends, the girls discuss their past years of friendship. Photo by Robert Young

What were you guys excited to do as seniors?

Boyle:
One of the things we were most excited about was being able to take the reigns on so many of the little team traditions because we have big sis little sis, we have spirit week, we have the pasta parties. This year we went to Dante's for our pasta party.

Eriks:
The breadsticks!

Stooksbury:
We ate all their breadsticks.

Boyle:
We depleted the entire supply of breadsticks.

Eriks:
We managed to eat an entire italian restaurant out of breadsticks.

Abioye:
And I brought a ziploc bag so I could take some of them home.

Stooksbury:
Then they overcharged us.

Eriks:
So it ended up being only four seniors who had, like, $20 to their name, and then thirty freshmen who were all freaking out. So we were like "No we can figure it out," and we did, I don't know how but we did.

Paskewitz:
So that's one of our accomplishments.

Can you talk to me a little bit about running?

Paskewitz:
Something that's really weird about running is that there's never really an emotion, like, you can't describe the emotion that you feel after finishing a race.

"In middle school I was the first person to hit the baseball over the pipe in the gym but then next period Tyler (Lukowski) beat me and ruined one of my greatest accomplishments." **Lucas Vesolowski, 9**

If you could only eat one kind of pasta for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

"Mac and cheese because it is the superior pasta."
Sophie Hand, 9

"Mac and cheese, because you simply can't mess up mac and cheese."
Erin Gonzales, 12

"Mac and Cheese, cheese is god's gift to this earth when combined with pasta it creates a dish that you can't say no to."
Annie Abioye, 12

"I would eat penne noodles because they are by far the most fun to eat. I love putting them on the prongs of my fork."
Emma Higgason, 11

a running start
As they warm up, Sam Buffano, Brianna Pazdur, juniors, and Hannah Robbins, freshman, run across the football field. Photos by Lana Salahieh

fresh success

Hannah Robbins, freshman, discusses being the only member to compete at state for cross country

As a freshman, how did your older teammates support you?
They did give me a lot of support, because all of them were in that spot (a freshman) once. They made a lot of stupid jokes throughout all of it which was really great because, that's really the fun part.

You made it to state as a freshman, what was that like?
Well, I mean it's kind of intimidating at first but you since I was a freshman I have no pressure at all, but it was a great experience.

A lot of your team came to see you at state, how do you think that affected you?
It really took my mind off of the race and made it a lot of fun, everyone came out of their cars and were like 'Hannah!'

What's your favorite part about running?
The adrenaline rush, it's fun, when you get up to the line and you're like: "let's just make it over that finish line!"

run ragged At a cross country meet, Audrey Stooksbury, senior, crosses the finish line. "It (crossing the finish line) feels relieving," Stooksbury said. "The 20 minutes of work you put in is over with." Photo by Charlie Hofferth **give it a rest** Kneeling in the cross country tent, Ashley Burgess, junior, looks at her phone. "My favorite part of cross country is the team, making goals that we strive for and focusing on things we all want to achieve," Burgess said. Photo by Sean O' Rourke **trial run** Outside of the school, Carina Crisan, sophomore, practices for cross country. "The community sense of the team is great," Crisan said. "We're always helping each other out and supportive of each other." Photo by Lana Salahieh

Eriks:
And it's different for everyone too.

Paskewitz:
Yeah, it's like, you want to cry from happiness, or you want to cry from sadness, or you want to hug everyone, or just be alone.

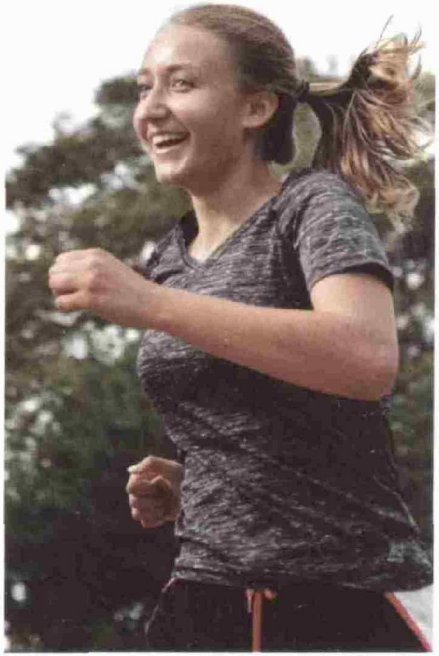
Lu:
You also kind of want to throw up.

Eriks:
Sometimes you just want to walk away and then there's other times where you can't walk away.

Paskewitz:
I think that's one thing I'll really miss, that minute after you finish a race where you're getting water, sitting down, looking at your teammates.

Eriks:
You really can't describe it in words.

Paskewitz:
You just have to feel it, it's just an incredible feeling.



an obstacle to overcome

story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

boys' cross country discusses the impact of losing almost half of their varsity roster

One text can change anything, and in this case it rerouted the course of Boys' Cross Country team's whole entire season.

After texting their coach, three varsity members of the seven runner roster quit. To the remaining runners the decision seemed to come out of nowhere, leaving them with mixed emotions.

"At first, I was frustrated they abandoned us, but I realized there was not much I could do about it," Ari Arzumanian, sophomore, said. "It just gave me a reason to work harder."

Despite their opinions, the remaining cross country runners knew they had to do whatever it took to make up for the new hole in their roster. No matter what, they could not lose hope in their potential success for the season.

"Although we lost good runners, I felt that there were still talented people left on the team," Max Lindenmayer, freshman, said. "I knew the rest of the team would need to strive harder to do well without them."

These circumstances allowed younger, more inexperienced runners to race good competition that ended up being beneficial for them in the long run; Lindenmayer being one of them.

"Racing with the idea that it would be easier to eventually run in a varsity race gave me a reason to improve individually," Lindenmayer said. He was the lucky freshman who snagged a spot on the roster for post season. "[The boys quitting] gave me the opportunity to gain the confidence to help push my team as we got into post season."

The boys eventually made it to regionals as a team, and Mitchell Buffano, Tony Bohling, senior, Juan Olevencia, sophomore, and Max Lindenmayer, freshman, qualified for the semi-state race.

"Overall losing those guys did not matter as much as I thought it would because the rest of us were able to pick up the slack," Arzumanian said. "Our season turned out very similar to the previous year, and it felt good to know we could be successful for seasons to come without them."

just keep running

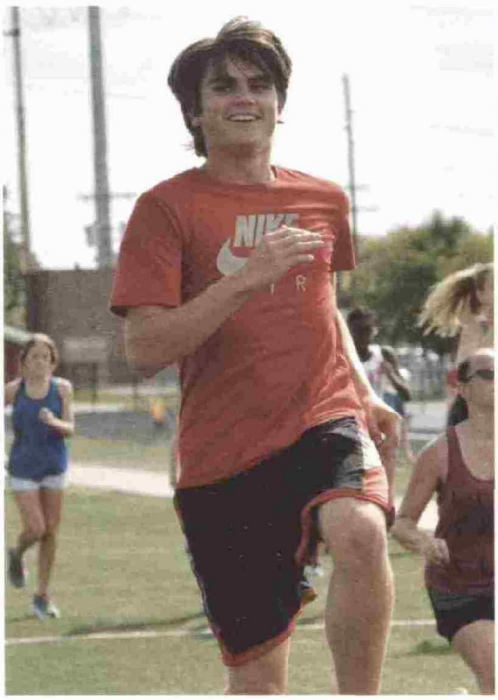
On his final mile, Will Stephan, senior, tries to finish a race. He had recently been diagnosed with asthma, so this race was specifically hard for him. "I was in a lot of pain," Stephan said. "It was hot and humid and the only thing I could focus on was finishing the race." Photo by Sean O'Rourke

work it out

Stretching their quads teammates Stephen Heritage, sophomore, and Mitchell Buffano, senior, warm up before a workout. Workout days were usually faster days so they had to be loose. "Cramping up is the worse," Buffano said. "I always make sure to stretch before I run." Photo by Lana Salahieh

before the storm

Warming up for his workout, Mitchell Buffano, senior, smiles. Before every practice the whole team needs to stretch out or else they will cramp and they cannot practice. "Warming up is my favorite part of practice," Buffano said. "It's a time where I can talk with my friends before the hard work starts." Photo by Lana Salahieh



"I remember when Alan (Dedelow) hit a home run during our baseball game and it was the funniest thing ever because he is only five feet tall." Tyler Lukowski, 9

and they're off

After the gun, Mitchell Buffano, senior, Will Stephan, senior, Stephen Heritage, sophomore, Oliver Meraz, junior, and Juan Olevincia, sophomore, sprint off the finish line. They were battling each other to see who would get ahead. "The beginning of a race is the most important part," Buffano said. "It is your best chance to get an early lead." Photo by Sean O'Rourke

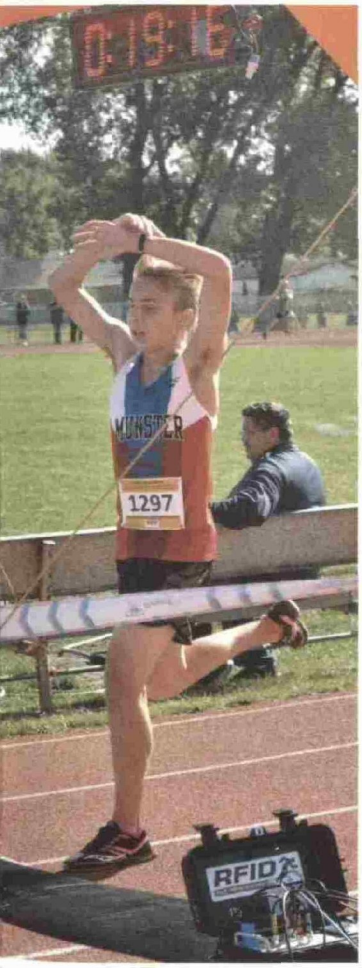
What is your pre-race ritual?

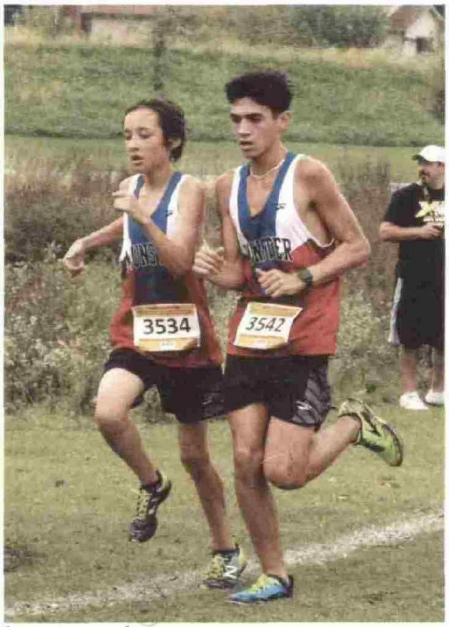
"Drinking tons of water because I get super dehydrated."
William Stephan, 12

"Listening to any Drake song I can find."
Jacob Cipowski, 9

"When I have breakfast I like to drink out of a glass that has a design of all of the pubs in Wrigleyville. I 110 percent believe this makes me race better because every time I drink out of it at breakfast I set a new personal record."
Max Lindenmayer, 9

"Since I am Catholic, I pray the Rosary in order to have a good race."
Oliver Meraz, 11





keep it steady

Running in a race, Juan Olivencia, sophomore, pack runs with his teammate Abe Bleasing, freshman. "I feel more secure running with someone because I can compare myself to someone," Olivencia said.
Photo by Sean O'Rourke

hard work pays off

Crossing the finish line, Stephen Heritage, sophomore, finished his race at the Highland invite. "The end of the race is the worst," Heritage said. "When you finally cross that finish line it is a huge accomplishment."
Photo by Sean O'Rourke

mile by mile

Tony Bohling, senior, talks about how he races each mile

START

"first, I sprint out and push people out of the way"

400m

1 mile

"when I hit the first mile, I settle into a pace, usually fast"

"the second mile is when I start to slow down intentionally"

2 miles

3 miles

"once you hit the third mile, you try to pick it up"

"the last 400m are a straight sprint to the finish line"

4600m

FINISH

Content provided by Tony Bohling, senior

"We were practicing for the eighth grade basketball game and Brad (Mokan) was fixing his hair and I threw a ball and it nailed him in the face." Alan Dedelow, 9

Who inspires you most when you golf?

"My dad inspires me because he really wanted me to do it. He thought it could help in the future with work."
Riley Ramirez, 9

"Ananya Sharma, she is very humble and my friend."
Hannah Bard, 10

"My family, they got me into the sport and it's a way to have something in common with my parents, cousins, and grandparents. When we vacation together, we always golf."
Grace Gozdecki, 11

fore!

how many times have golfers had to warn people of incoming balls?

- 1-5 times
- 6-10 times
- 11+ times

data provided by a Paragon survey of nine golfers on (Google Forms from November 2-11)

all fore you

Ananya Sharma and Emma Ladd look at the map of their practice course while tending to their bags.
Photo Provided by HR Imaging

in focus

Hunched over, Izzy Bednarowski, lines up her swing. To get the most amount of force into her swing, Bednarowski adjusted her stance. "Golf is cool because it is an individual sport," Bednarowski said.
Photo by Robert Young

swing thing

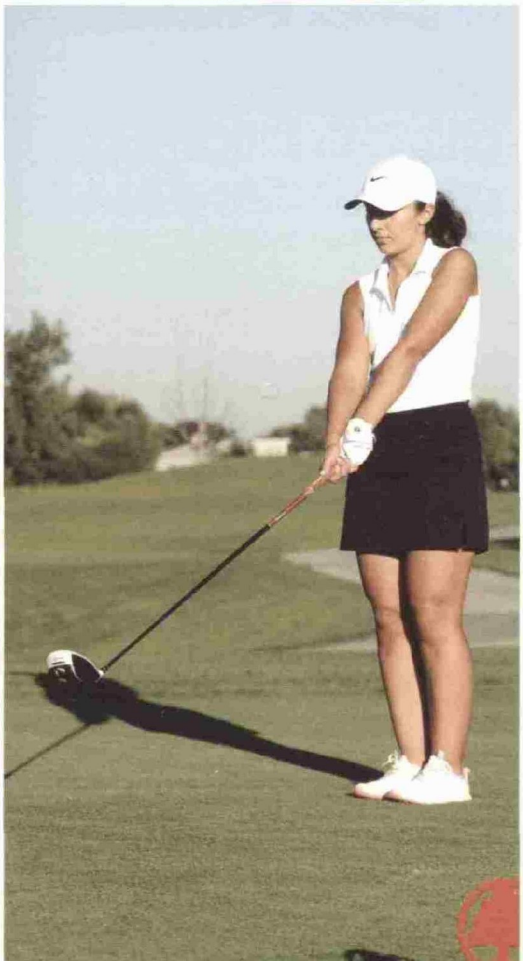
Following through, Hannah Bard, sophomore, makes a hit during a golf match against Hanover Central. Bard practiced almost every day during the summer. "My mom likes golf, so I took lessons when I was little," Bard said. "The summer before freshman year, I randomly decided to try it."
Photo by Vanessa Situ

practice makes perfect

Ana Dimopoulos, freshman, hits the golf ball. She practiced a lot outside of school with her brother and this led her to do well in games. "I go with my brother George (Dimopoulos) all the time," Dimopoulos said.
Photo by Vanessa Situ

"In sixth grade in gym we were in the locker room and Louis (Meidgin) got his clothes stolen." **Brad Mokan, 9**

clip art Hard at work, Emma Ladd, senior, staples photographs onto the wall in the Girls' Golf display case. "Since I was the captain this year, I decided the case would look better if we spruced it up with some new photos and golf balls in there," Ladd said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **father knows best** Standing with club in hand, Parkyr Guiton, sophomore, reminisces. "My dad forced me to do golf for six years, but then I quit," Guiton said. "Later on, I found out that I could get a scholarship from golf, so I went back." Photo by Vanessa Situ **that's the tee** Taking her swing, Mirela Jeknic, junior, focuses. "I focus on keeping a strong mentality, following through, keeping my head down, keeping my eyes on the ball, and having fun," Jeknic said. "I really enjoy when the shots are going great." Photo by Robert Young



gone clubbing

Ana Dimopoulos, freshman, describes the differences of four golf clubs

"You would use an **8-iron** if you are on the fairway, if you are kind of close, but not really that close, then you can hit the ball onto the green."

"The **driver** is for when you are in the tee box for the first hit and you want the ball to go the farthest."

"The **hybrid** is like an 8-iron, but it makes the ball go a little further."

"When you are on the green, close to the hole, you use the **putter** so that the ball doesn't go up. It just pushes it straight across the ground."

perfect round

story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

girls' golf improves on last season's new foundations and prepares for the even better seasons to come

Placing in the top five at numerous invitationals and even taking third at sectionals, Girls' Golf team did well this year, keeping a record of ten to four.

"The girls had a really good season," Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, said. "We've built a nice, little program and we have been waiting for these types of seasons to sort of unfold: winning championships, thinking about winning sectionals, getting to regionals, having girls make it to state."

However, one of their most accomplishments this year was the team's first place ranking at the NCC Tournament in De Motte on Sept. 14.

"In the NCC Tournament, there are six teams from Hobart, Highland, Lowell, Andrean, Kankakee Valley, and Munster," Coach Smitka said. "So basically, you play everyone in your conference once, and then you play a conference tournament, which this year for us was the NCC Tournament. We went into the conference tournament playing (Kankakee Valley High School), who came in second in the entire season and beat them on their home course."

"The NCC Tournament was a long one," Ananya Sharma, sophomore, said. "We actually missed a whole day of school for it. It started at around 8:30 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m.."

Although the team won the tournament, the day was not perfect.

"There were a lot of grueling mishaps," Sharma said. "Emma Ladd (senior) and I both got stung by a couple of bees, but overall I think we all just played our best and had fun."

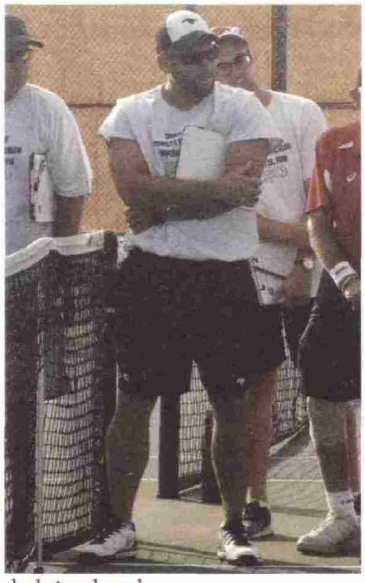
"It was exciting for me to go to conference for my fourth year in a row, but it was kind hard for me to see the people around me change," Ladd said. "A lot of the younger girls went this year and it was exciting for them to all just keep the confidence and the spirit high together. It was a good time."

Newcomer Rebecca Jones, sophomore, also attended the tournament.

"I won our conference for golf and you do that by getting the lowest score," Jones said. "I shot a total of 84 (par was 72) in an 18-hole tournament which happened to be the lowest score for that year."

"Rebecca also got a hole-in-one in our tournament against Hanover Central," Coach Smitka said. "This is pretty rare. I've been coaching for ten years on girls and eleven on boys, and that was the only hole-in-one during competition that a Munster player has had."

"In eighth grade me and Damien (Unzueta) used to go on the playground after lunch and we would always play basketball." **Louis Meldgin, 9**



helping hand

Coach Patrick Spohr speaks with his team during practice. He was the head coach of the team all season. Photo by Lana Salihieh

skill building

Patrick Spohr, Boys' Tennis head coach, discusses the departure of Frank Wolf and Zach Schmidt

Q: What sort of coaching did you give to this duo?

A: During the matches it was all situational coaching. Discussing certain strategies and mechanical errors. During practice it was coaching them on their match play, practicing strategy within the match and when to utilize that strategy. We also implemented new drills to help them become better players at the net and baseline. The coaching staff did everything possible to get these two players up to the level that they needed to be at.

Q: How will you continue to coach players to be as successful as Frank and Zach?

A: Frank and Zach had something that you cant coach. They had the want and desire to get better and achieve success. As long as athletes keep coming out with those 2 attributes we will continue to have a successful program. But I would also say that getting better at tennis happens the most in the off season. During the season I will continue to work on the fundamentals and work on certain aspects of every players game.

"One time I went to Bryce's (Williams) house. His neighbor is one of our really good friends and she had a friend over who goes to another school. We left a note in her mailbox that said her friend was hot. Then we hid behind a car while they opened the note and posted it on their story." **Damien Unzueta, 9**

order on the court

story by Jack Stork

Boys' Tennis looks back at a year marked with numerous accomplishments

The Boys' Tennis season came with many differences in comparison to seasons past. With the increased participation of the JV team, the entirety of the Boys' Tennis team seemed to have an overall positive experience in the fall of 2018, with a record of 18-2.

For starters, tennis partners Zach Schmidt and Frank Wolf made it to individual state, an astounding feat. The two cinched a victory in the first round against Jeffersonville, but lost the semi-finals to Carmel High School. The duo were however named first team all state and post tribune players of the year.

"We both really enjoyed the whole journey of making it to state and finally getting over the hump that was semi-state," Zach Schmidt, senior, said.

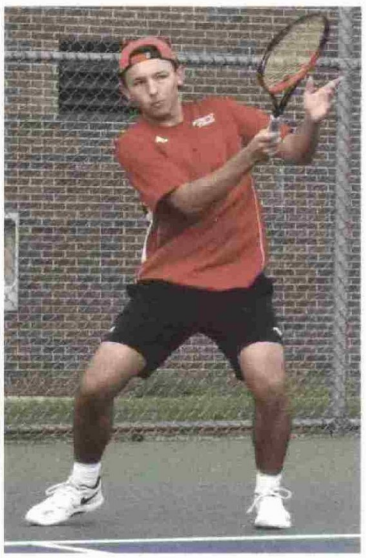
In addition to the successes of Frank and Zach, the JV team had many new experiences as well. One such new event was their participation in a JV tournament, which is something that has never happened before.

"It was really cool because it was the same structure as the varsity tournaments that most of them have to just sit and watch," Frank Wolf, senior, said.

But that wasn't all for the JV team. They also got to play in one of the varsity tournaments as their own team because of a shortage of players at that given time.

"The JV team was offered a lot of opportunities this year. It was actually really cool to have those experiences," Ben Dodge, junior, said.

high five
Max Ladd, freshman, high fives his teammates during a practice. They were celebrating a victory at the previous week's match against Highland.
Photo by Chloe Lambert



in a corner
Hitting a forehand, Frank Wolf, senior, hit to keep the ball to keep the volley going. "From that position, you're either trying force a weak shot from the opponent, or set yourself up to finish the point," Wolf said.
Photo by Lana Salahieh

down under Set up in the Australian formation, Maxx Ladd (left) and Louie Wolf (right) prepare to return the ball. "We were both ready to hit but I ended up hitting it. Max was just trying to reach the ball," Wolf said. Photo by Lana Salahieh **hold your breath** Playing against Valparaiso, Joe Webster, junior, returns the ball from a wide angle. "I was going out wide off of a pretty good shot from the other guy, so I had to be focused to return the ball," Webster said. Photo by Chloe Lambert **making a racket** Taking a step backwards after a shot, Zach Schmidt, senior, prepares to return the ball. He was approaching the net to hit a volley. "I hit a backhand from the baseline, but I had to prepare to hit another volley," Schmidt said. Photo by Lana Salihieh

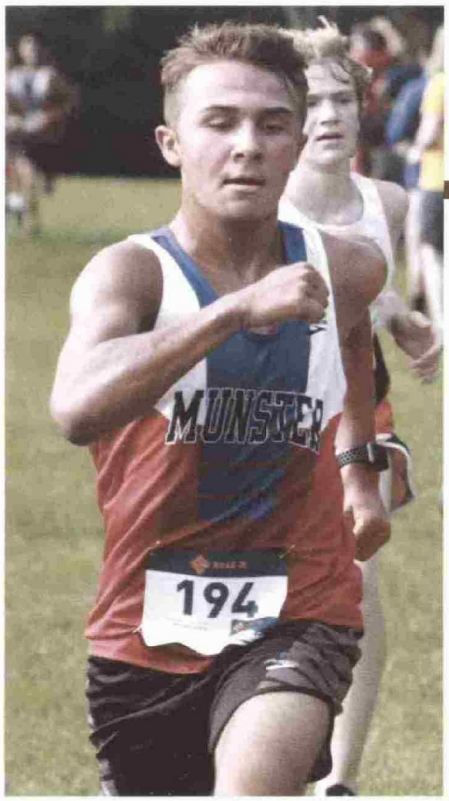
How did you start playing tennis?

"I wanted to get better at the game while having fun with my friends."
Kenil Pachani, 11

"It's a sport that you can take with you throughout your whole life and play at any age."
Sami Muhrez, 11

"I realized I had no future in any other sports because I had to get in shape. My dad also helped guide me to tennis as he played it in college."
Joe Webster, 11

"One time we were in gym class and I threw the ball to Jonathan (Bryson-Harvey) during flag football and we was going towards the end zone and was going to catch it then he ran into the goalpost." Bryce Williams, 9



time to shine

boys' JV cross country runners explain how they tried to reach the time to letter for varsity

"I went for a lot of **Coach Brown's workouts** during the summer and I tried really hard." Michael Collins, 9

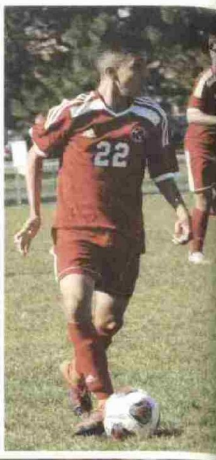
"We would do **long distance running** on Wednesdays, speed work for about a mile, and **tempo runs** to get up to where we needed to be." Jacob Cipowski, 9

eyes on the prize

Driven by his ambitions, Jacob Cipowski, freshman, races to the finish line. Cipowski has been working all year to improve his times and achieve his goal of lettering. "When you're running, you have to tell yourself 'you're gonna have to work to get that time, you can't just sit around and do nothing, its gonna require effort and what you put in is what you get out.'" Cipowski said. Photo by Provided by HR

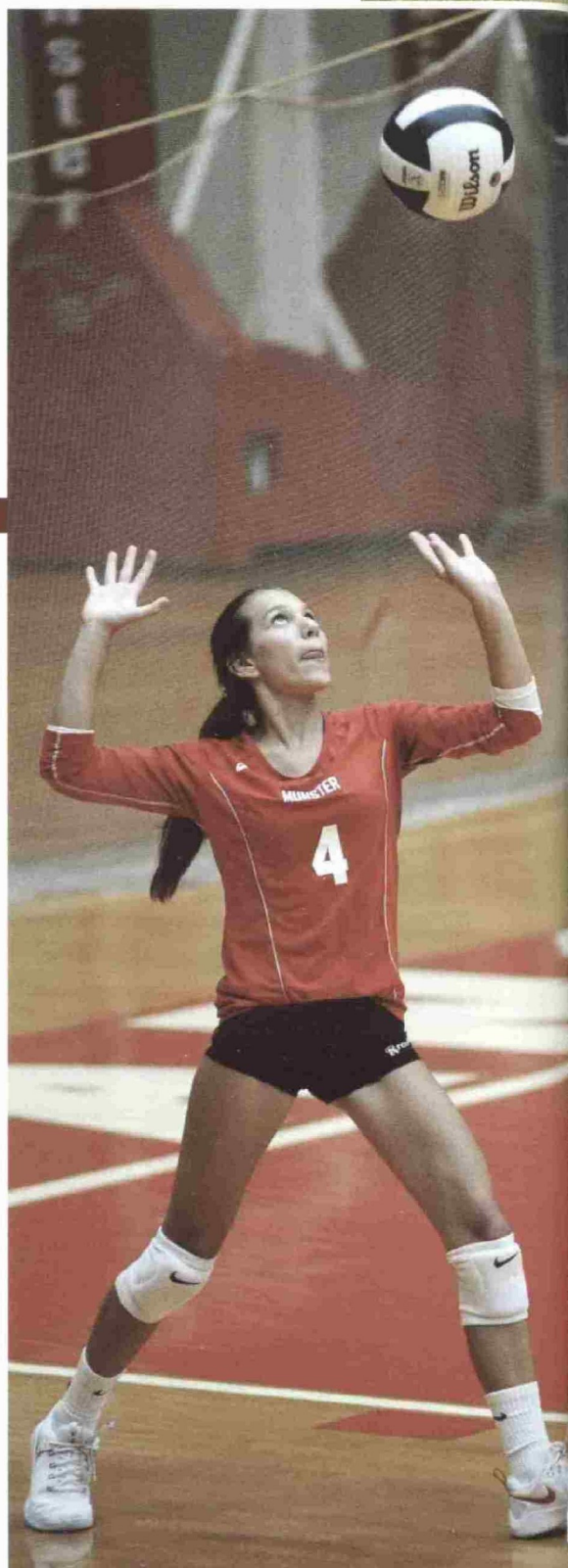
spot on

In a game against Valparaiso, Bryan Rosales (22), sophomore, looks for an open spot on the field to run. Rosales' main tactic during games is to run to different places on the field to create space. "Don't just try to be the hero, look to assist your teammates on the field," Rosales said.
Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



set for success

Preparing to set the ball, Madeline Andrzejewski (4), sophomore, stands towards the back of the court. In order to keep the ball in the air, she had to use a set rather than a pass. "I think that playing volleyball makes you more school spirited and I love being on a team with all of my friends," Andrzejewski said.
Photo by Robert Young



football fanatics

story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

jv team disbanded to merge with the freshmen team

Soon after the football season had started in September, Coach Jason Grunewald, WWMS teacher and football coach, decided to dissolve the JV team and combine it with the Freshman team, calling it the Freshman-Sophomore team.

"There were not enough freshmen to play," Zach Lenaburg, freshman, said. "We played our first game against Lake Central and we got slaughtered. We got down to our third quarterback because everyone else got hurt. That was when we realized that we needed more kids."

"At first, I didn't really want to be with all of the sophomores," Lenaburg said. "But then after a couple of games our team got much better and I made good friends with a lot of them."

The resentment of combining the teams was also shared by sophomores like Brody Barlage.

"Honestly, this really angered me," Barlage said. "The JV football team was doing really well this season when the bomb was dropped on us that we were going to be combined with the freshmen."

However, the team pulled through and managed to persevere this season.

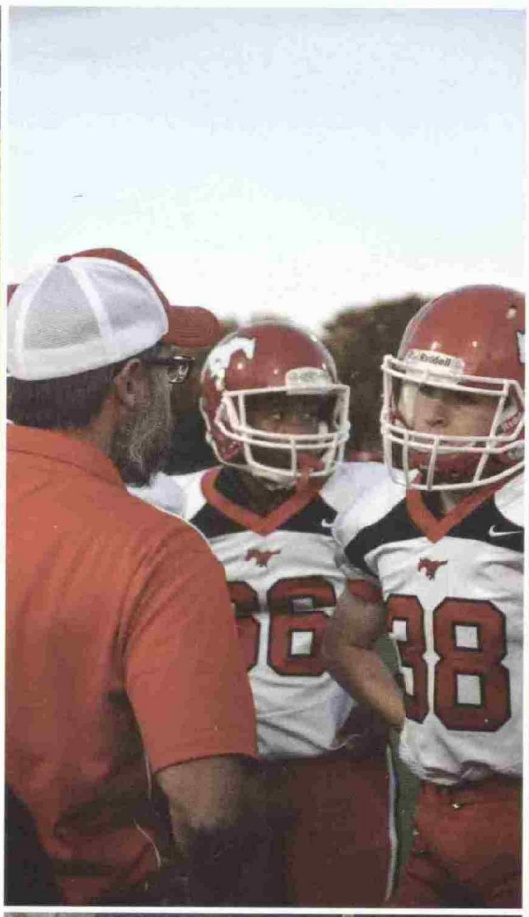
"The freshmen did better than I thought they would," Barlage said. "I'm surprised that we even got a win this season. I didn't think this season was going to well, but I was impressed."

Chase Clark, another freshman team member, did not seem to be as phased at first by the formation of the team.

"I don't feel like bringing us together was that big of a deal because neither one of us had enough players," Clark said.

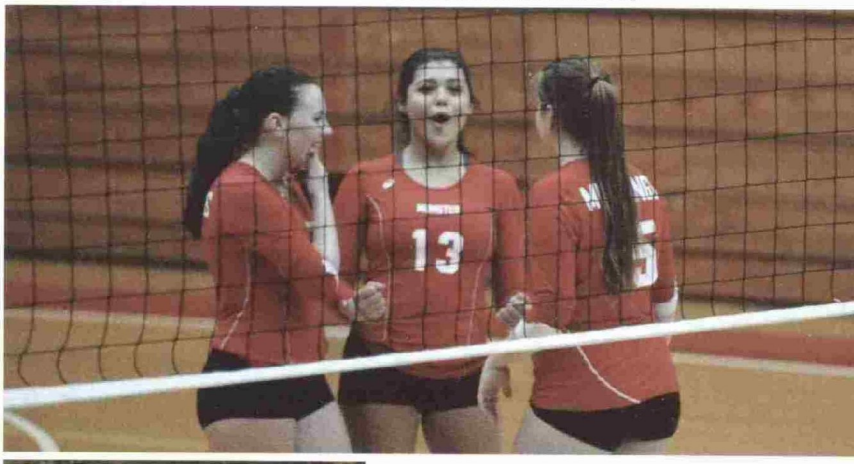
"I think that this actually brought us to a higher standard," Clark said, "Before the decision to join us, when we worked hard on the field there weren't enough people to be able to give the others a break. But afterwards, we had enough people and could take breaks. This put us in a better mindset and we could go back out onto the field to do even better than before."

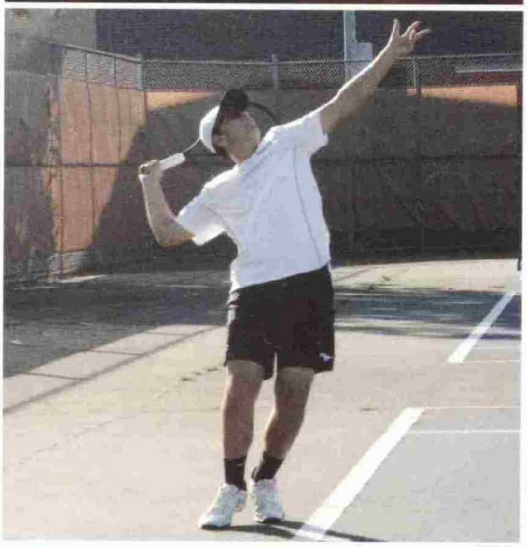
"We were at lunch and I played this game with Louis (Wolf) and basically the objective was not to laugh, and I made him laugh, and he had water in his mouth, and he spat it all over the table, so he had to go sweep the cafeteria because he made a mess" Jonathan Bryson-Harvey, 9

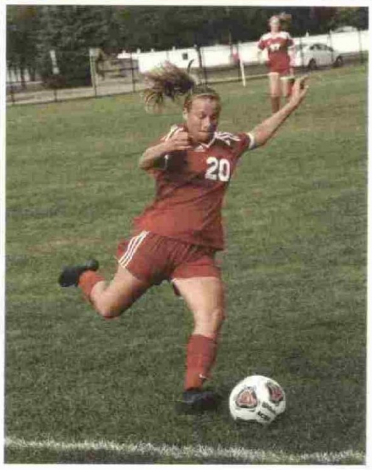


listen up In a mid-game huddle, Rashod Shine (66), freshman, and Wesley Roe (38), sophomore, listen to Coach Matt Kalwasinski, psychology teacher. "Huddling is not nerve-racking after playing football for so long," Shine said. "Huddles are important on offense because they help everyone to know what is going on." Photo by Chloe Lambert

battle cry Standing by the net, Sophia Farias, sophomore, cheers on the court after a point is scored. Farias has played volleyball since the fourth grade. "My favorite part of volleyball is the excitement of a close game and fighting for points during long rallies," Farias said. Photo by Robert Young







kickin' it Running up to strike the ball, Katy Nelson (20), freshman, attempts to keep the ball away from the opposing team. Nelson always looked and made sure that there was someone open to pass to. "Usually, if I'm sending the ball up the field, I kick it as hard as I can to make it easier for my team to get," Nelson said. Photo by Charlie Hofferth **a lot of racquet** During a match against Andrean, Charlie Morton, freshman, serves the ball. Morton focused on winning the match. "You have to really want to win and know that you can do it," Morton said. Photo by Chloe Lambert **run, run, run** Preparing for a six mile run, Alison Lee, freshman, warms up. Lee and the team ran tempo runs to improve their and endurance. "It's hard to run if you don't think you can do the last mile," Lee said. Photo by Lana Salihieh

What aspect of a team is most important?

"Trying your hardest no matter if you win or lose."
Logan Carter, 9

"Discipline."
Caeden Taylor, 10

"Being able to get along on and off the court."
Catherine Clements, 10

"Having a common goal."
Brianna Pazdur, 11

"Dedication."
Elizabeth Fesko, 9

"Acting like you're a family and not just a team."
Gabriel Hoekstra, 10

"Leadership."
Safia Shad, 10

"Having solid players combine for a winning effort."
Ben Greiner, 10

"Sticking together and playing."
Gianna Hough, 10

"Making sure everyone motivates each other."
Emma Gossman, 9

"Max Ladd and I were playing a tennis match for the school team and he bombed an overhead right into someone's private parts, and he was out for like twenty minutes." **Louis Wolf, 9**

kickin' it

Maria Ramos, freshman, gives advice for one of her kick boxing moves

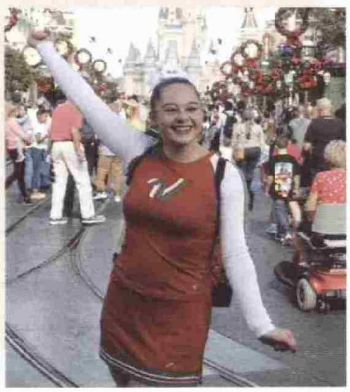
- point your toes
- use hips for power
- lean body back
- pivot your foot

practice makes perfect

Maria Ramos, freshman, practices with her trainer.
Photo provided by Maria Ramos

a whole new world

Bailey Broelmann, senior, reminisces cheering at Disney



"Performing at Disney was a once in a lifetime experience and I loved every second. I met a lot of new people during the parade and it was amazing getting to see all of the children smile."

smile for the camera

Bailey Broelmann, senior, poses in her club uniform on Main Street in Disney World.
Photo provided by Bailey Broelmann

not horsin' around

talking about her love for horses, Korrine Tate, junior, shares how they have impacted her life

Korrine Tate, junior, has been riding horses since she was six years old, but her fascination with them started much earlier.

"I was three years old when my aunt gave me a horse stuffed animal," Tate said. "Ever since then I pestered my parents for horse lessons."

When Tate turned six, her parents finally caved and signed her up for lessons at a nearby farm around Indianapolis.

"I fell in love with the sport right away although it was hard," Tate said.

In the beginning, lessons start off teaching basic skills like steering, trotting, and halting. Soon after Tate mastered those skills, she knew it was time to get her own horse and start competing.

"It took six long years, but my parents finally bought my horse, Azul, when I turned twelve," Tate said. "They agreed because it made more financial sense to buy a horse instead of leasing it for the years to come."

When Tate moved to Omaha, Nebraska, at age 12, it was a great place for Azul and it was easier for her to see him every day, but the real trouble came when she turned 15 and moved back to Indiana.

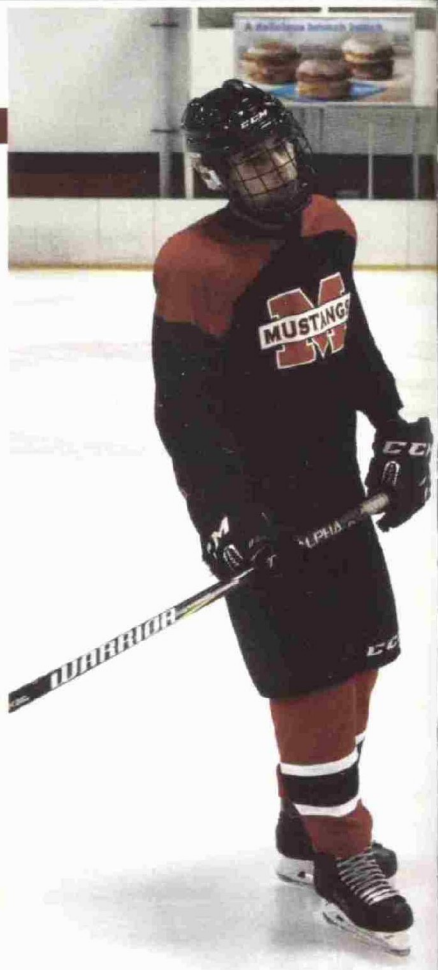
"We first had to transport Azul to Kentucky before we could bring him back to Indiana," Tate said. "I travelled with him the whole time because I did not want to leave him alone."

Now that he was safely transported, he is housed in a barn in Beecher, Illinois.

"It is quite a drive, over an hour, but I still go to the barn six days a week," Korrine said.

After all of these years, and a few moves, Tate's love for her sport, and her horse, continues to grow.

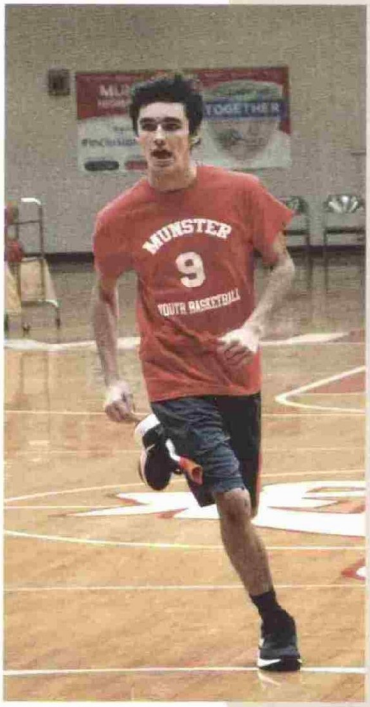
"This sport can be hard, but I know that it is meant for me," Tate said.



"During the tennis season there was this lady who was walking out while we were running our lap around the middle school. Some kids started saying some things referring to this lady and Frank (Wolf) thought that it was me, so he took me and threw me into the middle school brick wall." **Max Ladd, 10**

just checking

Looking at her horse, Korrine Tate, junior, brushes him. It is typical for one to brush their horse before and after a ride. "Some horses do not like the brush but mine does," Tate said. "I use the brush to calm him down and check for injuries after I take him out of the barn." Photo by Chloe Lambert



If you could make anything a school sport what would you choose?

"Water polo because it would be a cool option for people who don't want to be on the swim team."
Savannah Frazier, 10

"Bowling because it is fun to play with friends, but also good for competitive people."
Brendan Olson, 11

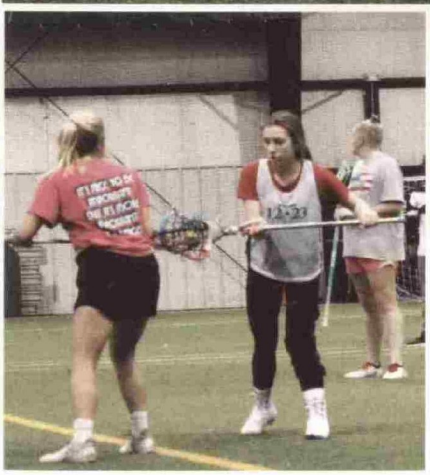
"Honestly, sleeping. I'm pretty good at it."
Clarissa Iwachiw, 11

buddy ball

Running down the court, Joey Burns, junior, makes himself open for a pass. He said that Biddy Ball was less competitive and more fun. "It's really fun to play with my friends," Burns said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

same team?

During a soccer game, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, junior, and Annabelle Giannini, senior, battle for the ball. The Girls' Soccer team split into two indoor teams and they were playing on the off season. "It was really fun to goof around," Cipowski-Smith said. "I was just trying not to hurt her." Photo by Lana Salahieh



line it up

During practice, Gabriel Hoekstra, sophomore, gets in line for a drill. He had tried many sports before deciding to play hockey. "Hockey is a really fast paced game," Hoekstra said. "It can be tough but I never give up." Photo by Lauren Kozy

face off

Starting off their club lacrosse scrimmage, Abi Steffen, sophomore, and Megan Dedelow, senior, face off. Before starting any game, two mid-fielders always stood in the center and threw the ball in the air to see who got possession. "It is really nerve-wracking," Steffen said. "You need to be the most aggressive player out there in order to gain possession for your team." Photo by Sydney Pastor

right on schedule

freshman, Lauren Phelps, a tumbler, describes her daily practice schedule

5 p.m.	warm up run and group stretch with everyone
5:15 p.m.	warm up skills like back tucks and fulls
5:25 p.m.	floor tumbling and learn new skills one-on-one
6 p.m.	tumble track work and power tumbling
6:30 p.m.	freestyle trampoline work
6:45 p.m.	end of practice conditioning

"This year in tennis we had this tournament and it didn't have enough teams to fill it so we asked if we could bring our JV as another team and they accepted it. Our two doubles ended up playing Shreyas (Iyer) and his partner in the first round and they got destroyed, the match was over in about twenty minutes." **Frank Wolf, 12**

comeback is greater than setback

story by Marley Anderson

girls' basketball discuss teamwork and gratifying feelings for first sectional win in a decade

The echoing of dribbling basketballs and screeching shoes fill the gym as the Lady Mustangs practice together after their school day.

Despite losing several girls due to injuries and other situations, the team was still able to pull through this season.

"No one had any idea what the rest of the season was going to be like," Emily Zabrecky, junior, said.

They shocked many people and other teams with their dedication. Their overall season record was 15-9.

"We shocked a lot of other teams and their coaches by showing that no matter how many people are on the team, we connect better together," Zabrecky said. "We went from nothing to something."

It's especially important for the Team Captains, Maddy Lakomek, senior, and Aleena Mongerie, sophomore, to step in.

"We need a leader, and knowing I can be that leader is definitely a motivation for me," Zabrecky said.

The girls needed to focus on being more powerful as a whole, due to losing girls from the team. They knew that putting their all into the practices would pay off.

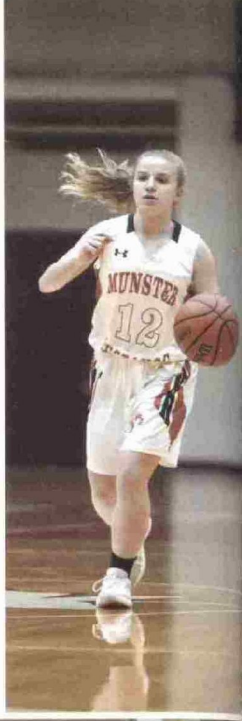
"At practice, I loved how everyone motivated each other to keep pushing and to go as hard as possible," Aleena Mongerie, sophomore, said.

One of the overall team goals for girls' basketball this season was to win Sectionals for the first time since 2009, in which they succeeded. They defeated the Morton Potters 45-31.

"It was gratifying to win since it's been so long since the program has won Sectionals," Delaney McGinty, junior, said.

The team said they were very proud of themselves and their hard work.

"We were all really happy because we made history," Kayla Ziel, sophomore, said. "It was relieving that we made such a big impact on the school."



focus

Dribbling the ball down the court, Kayla Ziel (12), sophomore, keeps her eyes on her opponents. Planning out the next move was essential to making a good point guard. "To get focused before the game, the team always listens to music in the locker room and stretches," Ziel said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

offense is key

Supporting her teammate, Delaney McGinty (14), junior, helps Maddy Lakomek (5), senior, move to make a shot against Hebron high school. "Our team didn't really have an official position for me this year," McGinty said. Photo by Robert Young

sideline story time

what goes on off the record? players tell stories about their teammates

"Our last game we were playing Portage, which was a really good team, and one of the players was getting really mad so she pushed Olivia (Porter, freshman) into the bleachers. She got up and was like 'I'm okay, I'm okay' so we just carried on with the game but it was so funny and the whole team was laughing."

Arianna Maldonado, 9

"The week before Sectionals, in the midst of practice during this drill called 'Hell Drill,' a ball was thrown at Delaney (McGinty, junior,) and I think she dislocated her finger. Mary, our beloved trainer, had to pop it back into place, and I just remember walking into the training room and I see Delaney laughing and crying at the same time so I go up to her and hold her hand and tell her (jokingly) that I was so proud of her."

Emily Zabrecky, 11

ladies in waiting

Waiting for their turn at practice, varsity players Delaney McGinty, junior, and Aleena Mongerie, sophomore, joke around. The girls were in the middle of a scrimmage which they do to improve their court skills. "We were all just there to have a good time," Mongerie said. Photo by Vanessa Situ

"In the EC game, Maddy Lakomek, (senior,) fell on the ground and hit her elbow, which made it get really fat, and it was just really funny."

Kayla Ziel, 10

"Before a game, we would do dances and the whole (freshman) team would act crazy and stuff to get hyped up."

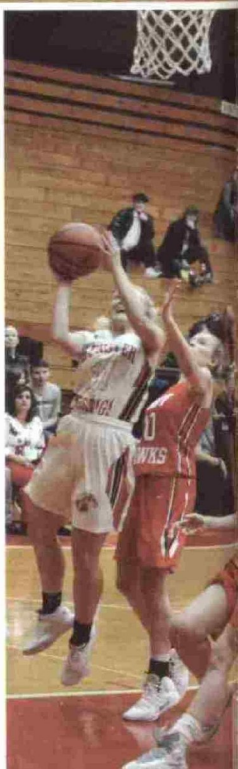
Kaylauren Gruber, 9

pose pretty

Posing for a photo during senior night, Janica Van Ghunt, Maddy Lakomek and Ella McComis, seniors, smile for the camera. "I'm going to miss the girls on this team," Lakomek said "We spent a lot of time together this year." Photo by Todd McKechnie

make the shot

Going up for a lay up, Izzy Bednarowski (11), senior, tries to score for her team. This was during the home game against Hebron, which Munster won, 61-55. "My favorite thing about playing is just being with the team. We were all super close," Bednarowski said. Photo by Robert Young



"The summer before sophomore year I would go to Michael Biel's house everyday and we would just play basketball with everyone in the community and that was pretty much all I did that summer and it was a lot of fun." **Shreyas Iyer, 12**

If you could do a lock-in anywhere, where would you choose?

"Probably a pool so we could swim."
Alice Foley, 10

"I would probably do it at the school because we had the lock-in here at the beginning of the season and we got to go swim and play hide and seek around the school and it was really fun."
Grace Clark, 9

"I would try to go to Bora Bora so that we could all swim in the ocean. It would be really fun and warm."
Jordan Duff, 10

"I would probably say the Louvre in Paris, because then we could steal all the art."
Becky Jones, 10

"Target because they have everything."
Zoie Bailey, 9

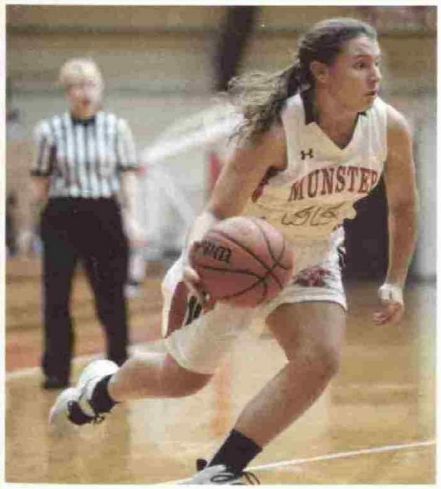
"Any NASA facility."
Madeline McFeely, 9

intense offense

Trying hard to make a play, Aleena Mongerie (35), sophomore, gets into the game. The game was against Illiana Christian and ended with a 70-32 win. "(This game) was towards the end of the season, and we had never played this team before, so we just went in hard and did really well," Mongerie said.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

hustle hard

Moving the ball down the court, Janica Van Ghunt (22), senior, dribbles the ball. She was moving to attack and try to make a play. "Playing defense was my favorite this year because I got quicker and I have improved a lot this year," Van Ghunt said.
Photo by Todd McKechnie



get a move on

varsity player Ella McComis, senior, shares her typical weekend practice schedule

7:15 a.m.
wake up and eat something small, but filling, before practice

7:35 a.m.
pack up shoes, water bottle, and other equipment needed, and leave for practice

7:50 a.m.
do dynamic stretches and static stretches to warm up for practice

8 a.m.
start with basic drills, then move to scrimmages or conditioning during practice

10 a.m.
cool down after practice, grab something to eat, shower, take a nap

"Scott (Farmer) was trying to guard me and I crossed him over and dunked on him on my hoop that was like nine foot, it was crazy." Michael Biel, 12

Sectional success

story by Mia Terek

With help of strong senior team, Boys' Basketball wins Sectional title and advances to Regionals

With a significant amount of seniors on the varsity team, the team was able to achieve the title of Sectional champions to much excitement and fanfare.

"Last year, we only had one senior on the team and this year, the senior membership on the team had increased to seven," Tim Giannini, junior, said.

In addition to the leadership from the larger amount of seniors, the presence of more experienced players brought the team closer together and helped them to have a successful season.

"It was really nice to have a solid, core group of seniors to rely on and look up to for leadership and support," Tim said.

Having a large senior population along with the teams close bond helped to make this season one for the books. The boys ended up winning the championship sectional game against Lowell 56-33 and advancing to Regionals.

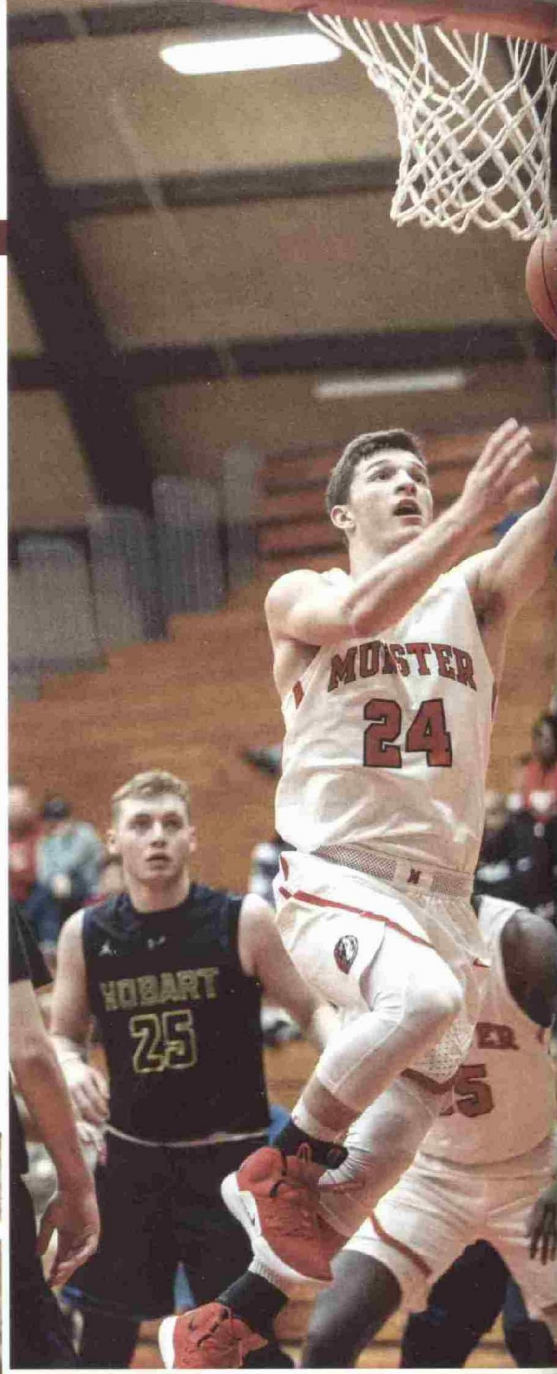
"All of our teammates were super close," Luka Balac, sophomore, said. "Many of us have been playing together for multiple years and we felt like we had a good bond."

With the help of the close bond, for a majority of their regular season the team was first place in the region.

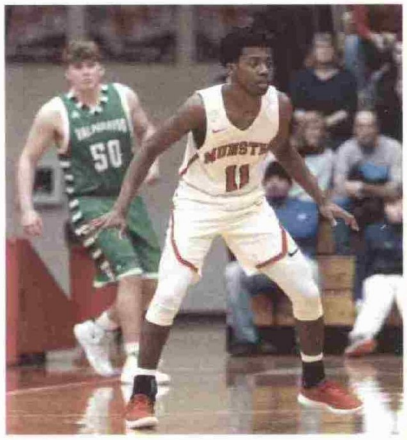
"I think we were so good this year because everyone knew that we had a lot of potential," Balac said.

The team ended up losing regionals against Northridge High School 53-62 but ended the season with a record of 22-5.

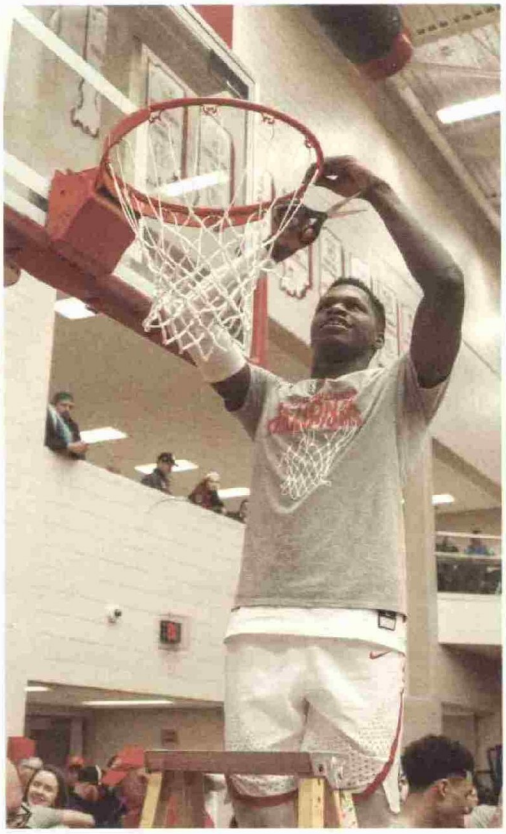
"This motivated us to work hard and try to accomplish our goals," Balac said.



dunkzilla
Trying to score a point, Luka Balac, (24) sophomore, goes up for a layout. The layout ended up scoring two points. "This is only my second year on the team, but every season the team seems to get progressively better," Balac said.
Photo by Todd Mckechnie



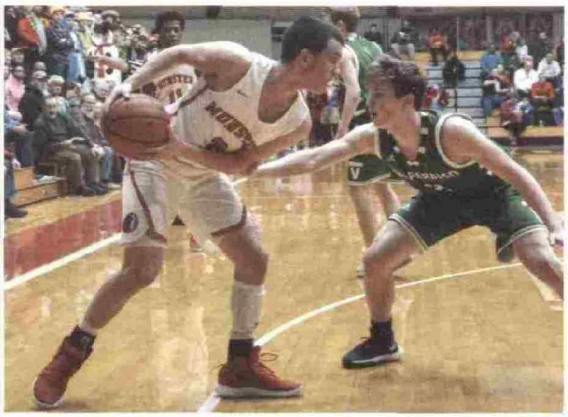
ready position Getting ready to play defense, Josh Davis, (11) junior, prepares for the play. The team won the game against Valparaiso 58-43. "During games I try and keep my mind in the game," Davis said.Photo by Todd Mckechnie

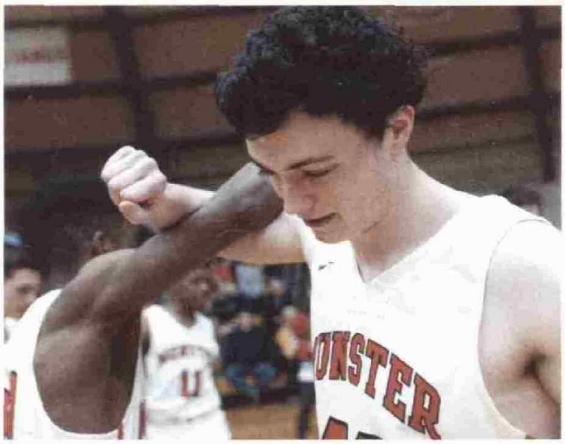


net quest Standing on a ladder, Dorian Benford, (35) senior, cuts the basketball net after winning sectionals. Munster won the sectional game against Lowell. "After winning Sectionals, I was so happy," Benford said. Photo by Todd Mckechnie

step it up During the sectional game against Lowell, Eric Jerge, (3) senior, gets blocked by Lowell defender Ethan Igras (34). Munster went on to win this game 56-33. "During games I think about how our team can out-play opponents," Jerge said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

"For Physics Day at Six Flags, me and (Nick) Cieslak and a bunch of other friends went on a roller coaster there was no line for probably about twelve times in a row. We were all about to puke. I don't know why we did it, but it was really funny." **Scott Farmer, 12**





keep away Holding the ball, Tyler Zabrecky, (2) senior, looks for one of the teams cutters. The team usually had two offensive cutters. "I was trying to figure out the best way to get the ball to one of my teammates," Zabrecky said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **up court battle** Dribbling up the court, Nick Fies, (32) senior, jumpstops. Nick tried to find a teammate to pass the ball to. "When on the court I just want to win and help my teammates out," Fies said. Photo by Todd Mckechnie **brotherly bond** Linking arms, Jeremiah Lovett, (23) sophmore, and Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, (40) junior, perform a pre-game handshake. Players had to come up with a handshake on the spot. "I was trying to get into the right mentality to play the game," Hemmelgarn said. Photo by Todd Mckechnie **we are family** Entering the court, Jevon Morris, (10) senior, gets high-fived by Scott Farmer, (44) senior, Dorian Benford, (35) senior, and other team members. The starting players were announced at the beginning of the game. "I take every opportunity on the court I can to succeed," Morris said.
Photo by Todd Mckechnie

How do you want your teammates to remember you?

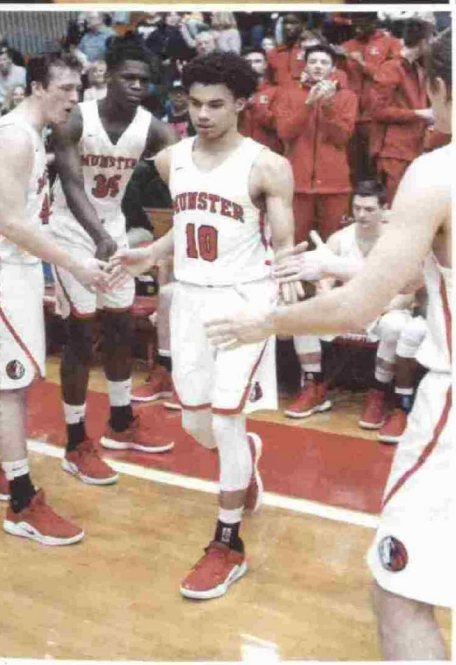
"As a player that always hustled and gave it my all."
Bryce Williams, 9

"I want them to remember me as a good teammate."
Nick Stephan, 9

"Someone who always gave it their all and came in clutch when it mattered."
Omar Jackson, 9

"As a player that made everyone laugh and mess up on drills."
Afam Oniah, 10

"As a hardworking teammate."
Tyler Reyna, 10



up in the air In a game against Clark, Greg Charles, (20) senior, attempts a layup. Photo by Todd Mckechnie

main motivations

players discuss their inspirations for playing basketball

"I don't have one specific motivation, I have just always played it, I have been playing basketball since I was a little kid"
Scott Farmer, 12

"My love for the game inspires me to play basketball."
Josh Davis, 11

"Growing up, my family and I would go watch the basketball games at Munster, I was motivated to start playing by watching the players."
Tyler Zabrecky, 12

"I grew up watching Brian Scalabrine and I just wanted to be like him."
P.J. Katona, 11

"Definitely my dad is my motivation, he was the one who got me into basketball in the first place."
Nick Fies, 12

"In Mr. Herold's class, me, Kevin Chinnom and Michael Biel would always make noises and stomp our feet during tests." Nick Cieslak, 12

up and at 'em

story by Marley Anderson

Swimmers talk about their routines for practices and what motivates them

finish line As her muscles begin to burn, Hannah Robbins, freshman, swims the 100 breaststroke at Sectionals. She finished fifth overall. "I was feeling pretty alive until the last lap," Robins said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

At 5 a.m. the Lady Seahorses wake to their morning alarms: time for an early swim practice. While they rush to be at the school on time, the girls wait for their eyes to adjust.

With ten total practices a week, four in the mornings, five after school and one on the weekend, the girls spend a lot of time working together. They're able to help each other improve and encourage each other to push past their limits.

"My coaches definitely motivate me to keep going and keep me in line," Audrey Beck, senior said. "They know what to say and when to say it. Also, the girls in general. Everything I do is for the team."

The girls have mixed feelings about their early morning practices, but they're all dedicated to the team.

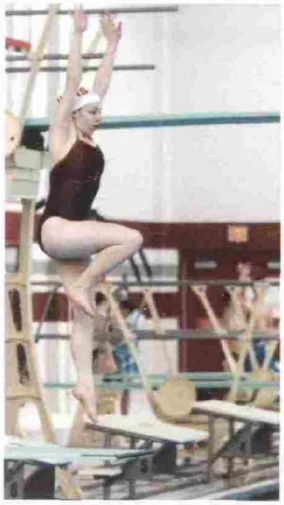
"Early practices are refreshing and it gets you awake for school, but it's definitely terrible waking up at 5 a.m. and jumping into a cold pool," Beck said.

Girls' Swim was close this year, which is what they wanted. Many of the team bonding activities were memorable. For the girls' Sectionals, the boys go out the night before finals and TP the girls' houses with toilet paper. For the boys' Sectionals, the girls do the same for them.

"It's really fun and good bonding experience," Sam Buffano, junior, said. "We stay out until 4 or 5 in the morning."

The girls' placed second at Sectionals.

"We all really wanted to win this year and beat Lake Central because they're our biggest rival," Alexis Flores, senior, said. "Unfortunately, we didn't accomplish that."



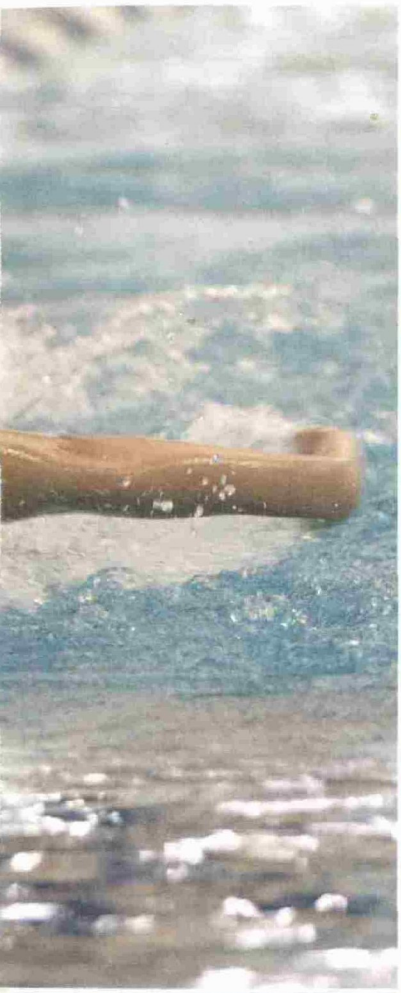
swim for it Racing to finish, Brisa Bohling, senior, swims as fast as she can. She was performing the common breaststroke. "At Sectionals, we were trying our best to get the win," Bohling said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **head first** Getting ready to jump, Sophia Brunetti, diver, freshman, approaches the end of the diving board. She was doing an approach, which is to gain height. "It's actually really fun," Brunetti said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **deep breath** Coming up for a breathe of air, Brisa Bohling, senior, swims as fast as she can. She said that she always tried her absolute best for each meet. "At that moment, I was just thinking about swimming as hard as I can for my team," Bohling said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

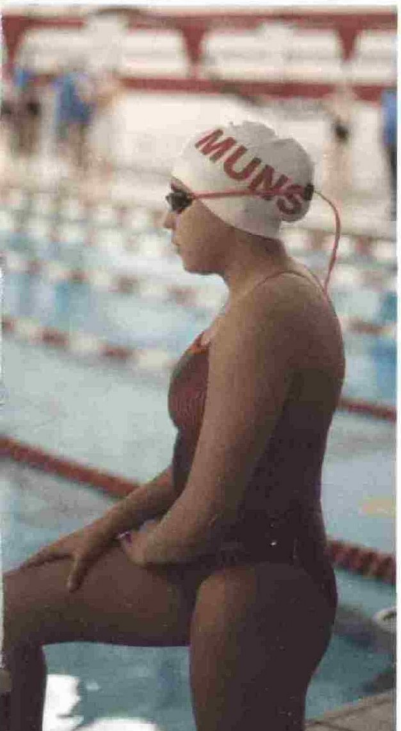
"After school we were driving back home to drop Michael Biel off. We ran over his garbage can and broke his front light and the garbage can goes flying across his whole lawn. There was garbage everywhere. It was so funny. Cade (Howard) has a little dent in his car, but that was it." **Kevin Chinnam, 12**

rise 'n shine

Sam Buffano, junior, and Alexis Flores, senior, share their routine for early morning practices

- **4:30 a.m.** wake up to morning alarm
- **4:35 a.m.** get dressed and brush teeth
- **4:50 a.m.** pack backpack and swim bag
- **5 a.m.** eat so you don't have to swim on an empty stomach
- **5:15 a.m.** leave the house to drive to school
- **5:25 a.m.** arrive to locker rooms change
- **5:30 a.m.** in the pool and ready to swim





team rep

Standing in the middle, Jenn Lockhart, senior, holds a cheer before their swim meet. The energy hyped everyone up and got the girls ready. "I love to get the team's adrenaline flowing and get them in the mood to swim fast," Lockhart said.
Photo by Chynna Vaughn

senior surprise

With her face full of surprise, Audrey Beck, senior, accepts a framed photo of the team during senior night from diving coach, Cal-Jammie Richmond. The girls were rewarded for their accomplishments with flowers and other gifts. "It was all very nostalgic and it made me reflect back on swimming," Beck said. Photo by Lauren Kozy

focused

While she waits to start swimming, Priscilla Zavala, freshman, thinks only about what's about to happen. Her team was depending on her as a teammate. "I was trying to get my mentality in the right place and only think about winning the race, nothing else," Zavala said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

What would you fill the pool with as an April Fools' Joke?

"Bath bombs because it would be colorful and fun to jump in."
Elizabeth Hanas, 12

"Gatorade powder because it would be funny to see the coaches' reactions."
Rebecca Franco, 9

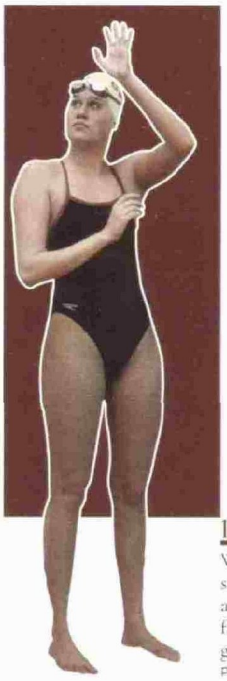
"Slime because it would be funny, nasty and sticky."
Eliana Candelaria, 10

"Cake because who wouldn't want to eat an Olympic sized pool full of cake."
Erin Bryce, 11

"Packing peanuts."
Sydni Branch, 10

wish me luck

Lindsy Vanek, senior, greets her supporters before she swims

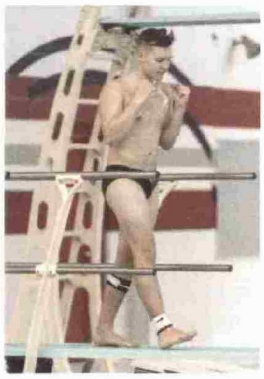


"To prepare myself for a race I just remind myself that my training and hard work will pay off. I know that if I put in the work the end result will be worth it."
Lindsy Vanek, 12

looking up

Waving to people in the stands during senior night, Lindsy Vanek, senior, is almost ready to start swimming. "My favorite part about swimming is setting goals and reaching them," Vanek said.
Photo by Lauren Kozy

"Me and Nathan Kunas are media assistants and we were delivering laptops one day on this cart and when Nathan wasn't looking, I drove the cart into his foot and scraped all of his leg, and I was on the floor dying laughing." **Cade Howard, 12**



dive on in

Michael Morganelli, sophomore, walks down the diving board. "My favorite part about diving is flying through the air," Morganelli said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

the odd one out

Michael Morganelli, sophomore, discusses the many different aspects of being the only member of the male dive team

How does it feel to succeed at meets?
"It feels really good. You put so much work into every single dive. When you're at a meet you only have one chance to get it right, when you do, it feels amazing."

What has diving taught you?
"Diving has taught me how to be patient and how to push myself to all that I can be. Diving taught me that if I put my mind to it, I know that I can do it."

What motivates you?
"My mom always reminded me that I could do it, and if I made it through this season I could letter I just wanted to finish it off and be a good asset of the team."

Does it feel isolating to be the only member of the boys' dive team?
"Sometimes, there were a lot more girls on the dive team than there were last year. It felt like they had a bit more support than me. I felt a lot of pressure that I needed to do my part."

in the zone

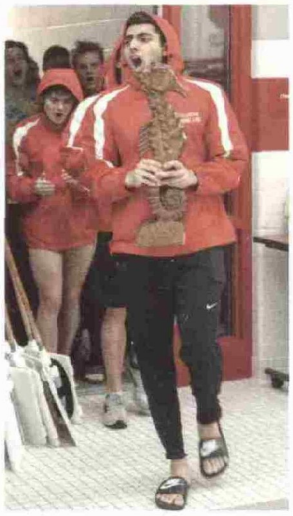
Stepping onto a launchpad, Holden Raffin, junior, prepares to dive into the pool. Raffin did end up winning third place in both the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. "I always want to get better," Raffin said "There's always a lot of competition at the national level and state level for me, which is extremely important. I want to swim in college too so that's always been a big motivating factor." Photo by Todd McKechnie

on the sidelines

Fenry Zhou, sophomore, cools down by the edge of the pool. "I started swimming when I was six," Zhou said. "My parents just signed me up for swim club, so I've been swimming ever since." Swimming so long has lead to many memories for Zhou. "Last year we threw (Coach) Pav into the pool after we won Sectionals," Zhou said. "That was really great." Photo by Todd McKechnie

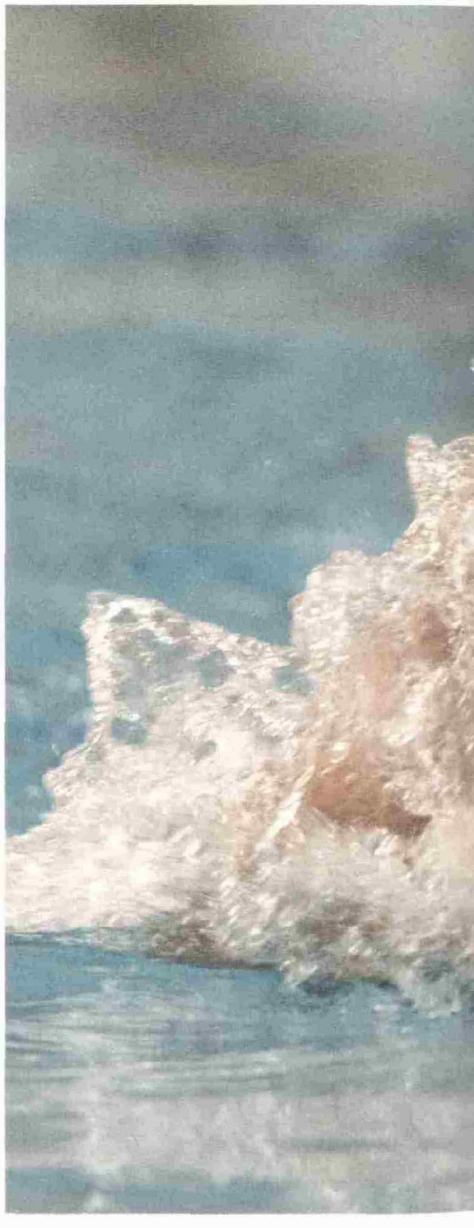
senior night swimming

Grant Afman, junior, swims the butterfly stroke. "Winning Sectionals as a freshman was incredible and my favorite memory," Afman said. "I wasn't really expecting to do it. That was pretty cool." Photo by Todd McKechnie



marching in

As he holds Woody the Seahorse, a swim team Sectionals tradition, Justin Singh, senior, marches out of the locker room. "I've been swimming for three years so it's (being swim captain) a fantastic achievement," Singh said. Photo Todd McKechnie



What's the weirdest thing you've done while preparing for a swim meet?

"The weirdest thing I've done is flapping my arms on the blocks, not many people do that." John Robbins, 9

"The weirdest thing I've ever done to prepare for a swim meet, is probably had like a ton of McDonald's." Karl Larson, 10

"Either try therapy or shave your legs." Victor Vatchev, 9

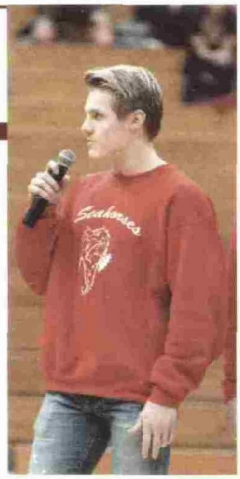
"Listen to MoBamba and jump around the locker room." Jack Burian, 10

mile a minute

Holden Raffin, junior, lists schools he's visited to tour their swimming facilities

1. University of Notre Dame
2. University of Southern California
3. Arizona State University

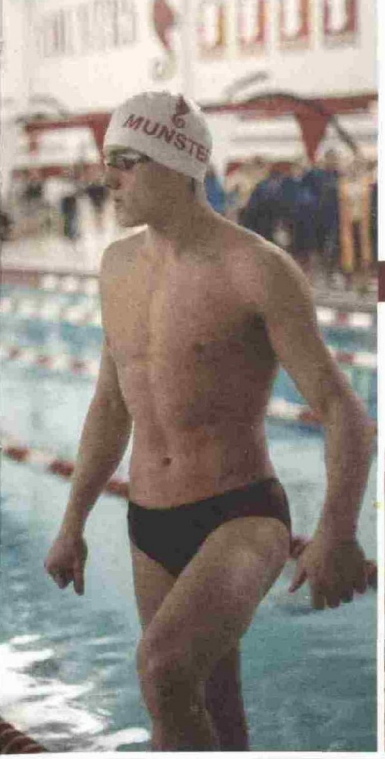
"Swimming definitely will allow me to get into a fantastic college through swimming. From there I'm going to be able to meet new friends at college and I'm sure there will be lifelong friends there as well." **Holden Raffin, 11**



microphone moment

Before Sectionals, Holden Raffin, junior, talks at the pep rally. The boys' ended up winning Sectionals and proceeding to state. Photo by Todd McKechnie

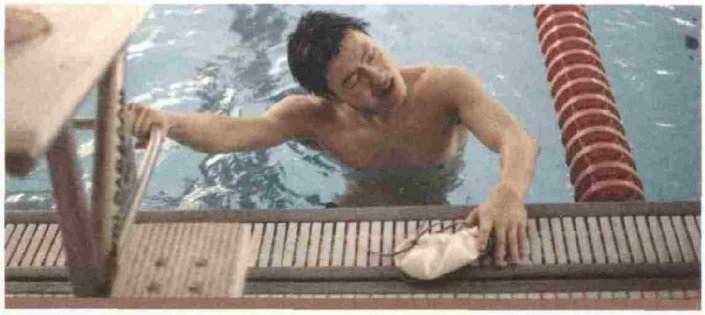
"In the summer I went to Karyn's (Beirut) house and her parents taught us how to salsa dance." **Nate Kunas, 12**



making a splash

Story by Carey Scott

swimmers discuss their successful season, including several state championships, and the steps it took to get there



The swim team had an amazing season. After winning fifth overall at state and taking their 34th consecutive win at Sectionals, the work that has gone into this season impressed.

Kyle Adams, junior, won first in the state in the 100 backstroke. Holden Raffin, junior, won third place in both the 200 IM and 100 backstroke. Grant Afman, junior, won second place in the 100 fly. And the 200 relay team took second place.

Success doesn't come for free however. To be successful, swimmers commit to a multitude of practices.

"The most difficult part is keeping your head up," Justin Singh, senior and captain, said. "Training every single day, we have morning practices every single day. Your body takes such a toll, you really need to take care of yourself, you need to make sure you don't get mentally and physically exhausted."

As swim captain, Justin sets goals for himself in order to achieve success.

"I set rules for myself at the beginning of the season," Singh said. "I try and strive for those goals. Each and every day at practice I remind myself what I'm really working towards."

Practices offered didn't just benefit one's skill set but also taught other lessons as well.

"Swimming teaches you a lot of important life skills," Holden Raffin, junior, said. "Time management, especially. You need to focus on getting everything done on top of swim practice. It's also taught me a lot about hard work, swimming is a sport where, just like anything else the more you put into it the more you get out."

Even before Sectionals, the boys' last meet at Munster was one that brought many memories.

"In 400-freestyle relay we beat the team pool and sectional record and automatically went all-American, it feels really good," Singh said, "It was really special to me because it was actually my last race at Munster, it was the cherry on top of my swimming career."

making a splash

As he swims down the lanes, Kyle Adams, junior, competes at senior night. When asked what his inspiration for swimming was, Adams responded, "My parents and the ladies." Photo by Todd McKechnie

"One time I had a friend, Nayeli (Alvarado), and I pulled a lot of pranks on her over the summer." Karyn Beiruti, 10

dance up a storm

Story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

the dance team describes what they go through in preparation and at their national dance competition

First it starts with more frequent practices, next comes the rigorous choreography, and then the intensive critiques. That is how the dance team knows it's nationals season.

"This is the time where the team realizes that we need to get our act together," Alyssa Strege, senior, said. "Our last practice before we leave for nationals is super hard, but it builds up our confidence because we are all capable."

After extensive practicing, the only thing left to do is fly down to Florida for the NDA competition.

"Part of what makes nationals so fun is the fact that we get to fly down instead of taking a terrible bus like we do for our other competitions," Alexandra Vjestica, senior, said. "Every time we're on a bus I am in a terrible mood and I want to fall asleep but being on a plane with my friends is the most exciting thing ever."

Once the team arrives at Orlando Airport they are assigned their rooms.

"It's nice that we get to pick our roommates because I can stay with my closest friends," Alina Arzumanian, senior, said.

Once we get into our rooms, they unpack and put their snacks everywhere.

"We don't get that much time to relax because our coach makes us practice soon after we get there," Arzumanian said. "But it doesn't matter to us because being in Florida with the palm trees and warm weather somehow makes it better."

Finally, it is time for the competition.

"Before we go on we are all extremely nervous," Jill Cuvala, senior said. "When we first walk out, we can't see anything but bright lights and the fact that we all know how important nationals is adds to the intensity."

This year's nationals was extremely important to the seniors because it was their last one ever.

Their pom dance this year had more intense choreography than the previous year's so the team secured a third place title.

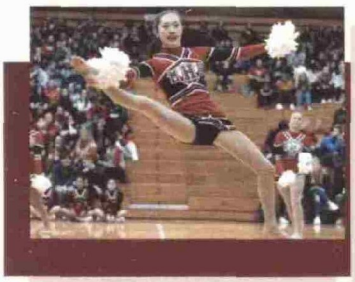
"It was so awesome," Cuvala said. "Being top three in the nation is an accomplishment in itself, but the best part was being one of only three teams on the stage being awarded."

our dance

During their Pom dance Clara Zuniga, sophomore, Layna Kounelis, junior, Alyssa Strege, and Bella Buono, seniors get in a line. They were a fourth of a way through their dance. "Pom was really what Munster is known for," Zuniga said. "It was a more athletic dance but it was one of my favorites."
Photo by Lilia Brunetti

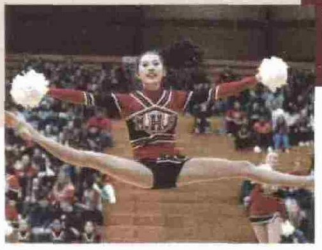
flying high

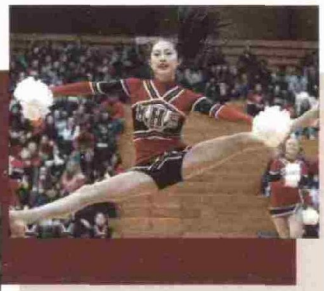
Monica Fronczek, senior, describes how she feels when she is doing a fly



"Before the fly I make sure I tuck my legs so I can get as high as possible."

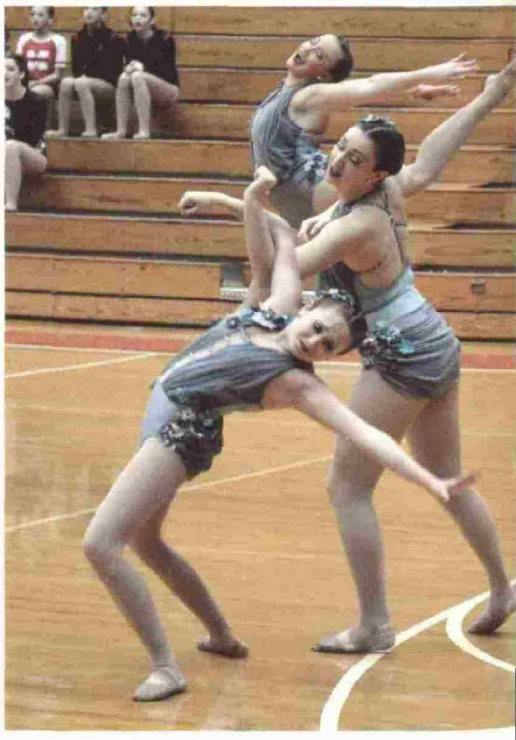
"When I am in the air I am mostly thinking about getting my second leg up but once I do it is a really good feeling."





"All I think about when I am landing is not falling out of the jump."

photos by Todd McKechnie



"The funniest thing was when Katie Hemingway came to my house and drank half a gallon of milk." **Nayeli Alvarado, 11**

through the years

Savanah Sharpe, senior, shares her different ensemble outfits, sophomore through senior year

"Being in ensemble is special to me because it allows me to dance with some of my best friends and push me to become a better dancer."

year: sophomore

song: "Maybe I Don't Know"

place: 2nd at State

year: junior

song: "Old Days"

place: 1st at State

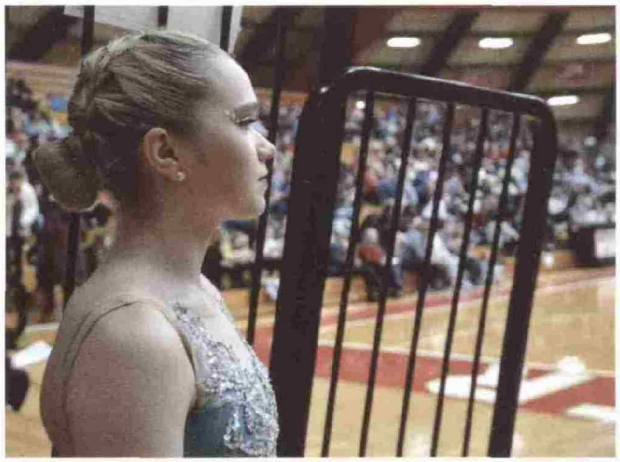
year: senior

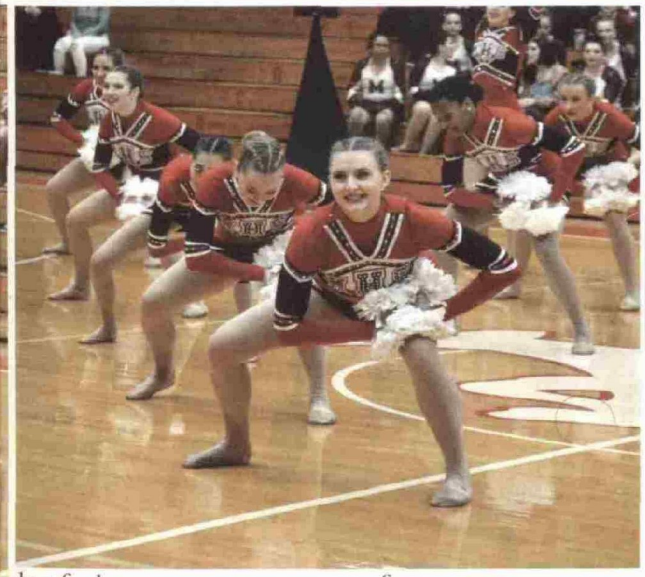
song: "Silent All These Years"

place: 1st at State

sad song

At the Best Buddies Bowl, Monica Fronczek and Alina Arzumanian, seniors, perform their large ensemble dance. Their dance was a lyrical and emotional piece. "I really like this dance," Arzumanian said. "It is more emotional so I get to make more expressions and act it out." Photo by Chloe Lambert



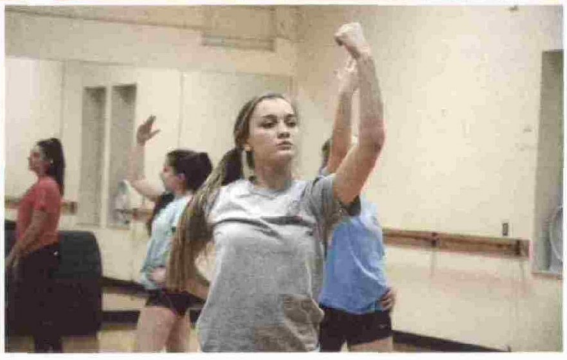


best for last

Halfway through their jazz dance Jill Cuvala, senior, helps Alyssa Strege, senior, get to the floor. This move was not very difficult compared to the rest of the dance. "I enjoyed this dance because I related to the song," Cuvala said. "It was a representation of my last year dancing." Photo by Lilia Brunetti

front runner

At the Munster Invite, Kailyn Oganovich, sophomore, leads the dance. Their pom dance was their most rigorous. "Pom was my favorite style of dance," Oganavich said. "It was a lot easier for me to go all out in a dance rather than be graceful." Photo by Lilia Brunetti



looking on

At the Munster Invite, Stephanie Niemiec, junior, prepares for her ensemble dance. The large ensemble was a team favorite this year. "My favorite style of dance was lyrical contemporary," Niemiec said. "I loved telling a story and feeling the music." Photo by Lilia Brunetti

freeze frame

Practicing her jazz dance, Alexandra Vjestica, senior, stays in her ending pose. The song is called "Turn to Stone" and here she freezes as if she is stone. "This was my favorite jazz dance we had done so far," Vjestica said. "I loved everything from the song to the choreography." Photo by Chynna Vaughn

Dance goes to Fair Oaks Farm every year. What's your favorite thing to get there?

"Chocolate ice cream" — Jill Cuvala, 12

"Caramel Macchiato ice cream" — Alexandra Vjestica, 12

"Oreo ice cream" — Alyse Lepir, 12

"Birthday cake ice cream" — Alina Arzumanian, 12

"Strawberry ice cream" — Cecilia Lipschultz, 12

"Grilled cheese with extra cheese" — Layna Kounelis, 11

"In the summer, Adrian (Christian) was riding his bike down the street and there was this big stick and he completely fell on his face and I thought it was kind of funny." Katie Hemingway, 10

bring it on

Story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

cheerleaders discuss journey to reconnect themselves with the student section

"Peel! Banana! Peel! Peel! Banana! Go bananas! E-I-E-I-O! Come on, Mustangs, let's go!" These are just a few of the happy chants that the cheerleaders performed during the basketball season. The goal of such cheers was to encourage student section interaction. After barely communicating with the student section for many years, reconnecting was a must.

"Whenever we would have 30-second time outs during the basketball games, we would try and do things with the student section to get them excited," Kaylie Eriks, freshman, said. "We tried to get them as riled up as possible with our cheers, shouting with them, and having fun."

The cheer team did numerous different things to get the crowd involved with the chants and the game.

"When the (basketball) boys would do free throws, we would put our fingers up and do 'Spirit Fingers' with the student section," Eriks said.

On certain days, the team even tried to dress differently to involve the crowd.

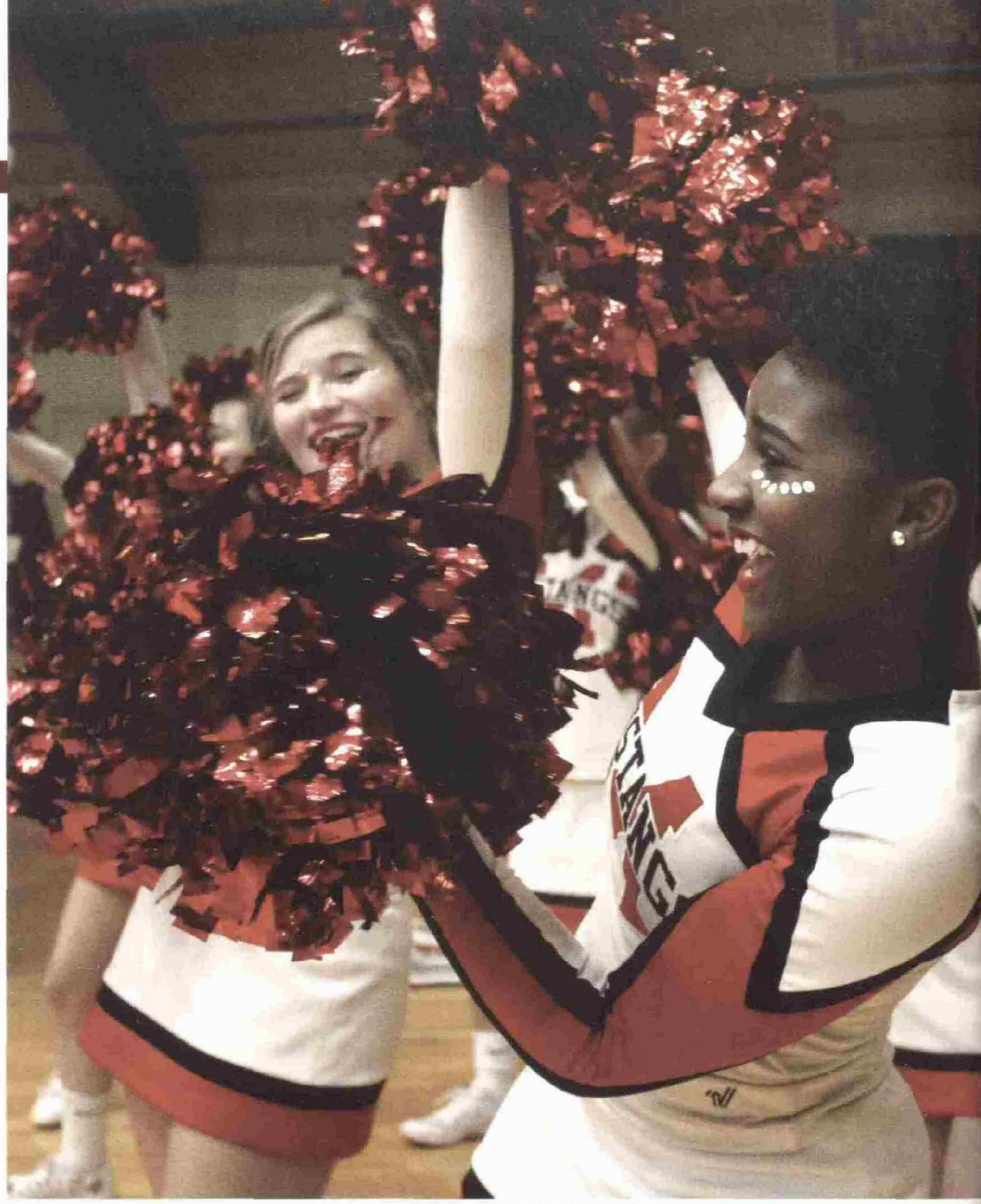
"Whatever the themes were for the student section, sometimes we tried to incorporate them into our looks," Eriks said. "For example, when there was a whiteout, we put white face paint dots on our faces to match with the student section."

"For Random Costume Night, our coach actually let us all wear random costumes to show that we were joining in more with the student section," Vanessa Koultourides, senior, said. "It made things a little bit more fun at the game."

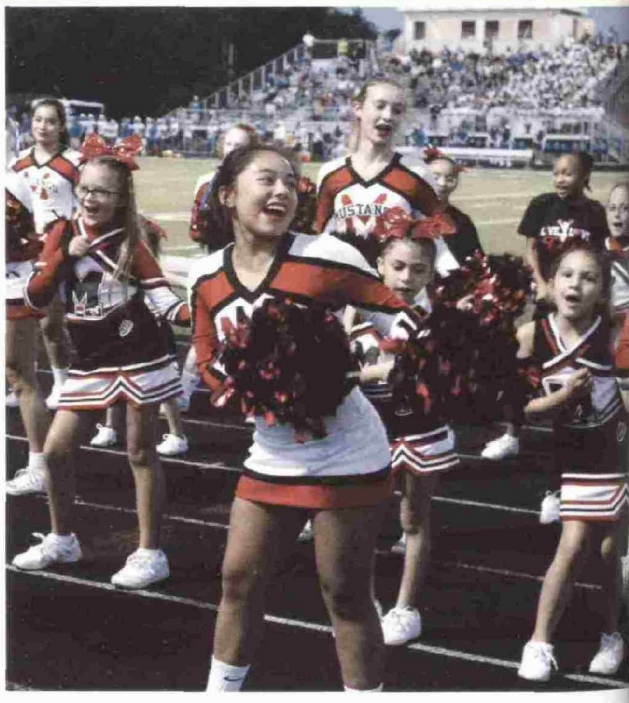
"We did Jersey Night because we have our own jerseys," Corina Cabrales, senior, said. "We even started throwing out shirts and cups that say 'Munster Mustangs' on them."

Many cheerleaders felt like cheering with the student section is a duty of theirs.

"We are on the sidelines for a reason," Mianna Papageorge, junior said. "We have got to cheer the crowd on and make them show more pride by being for the Mustangs."



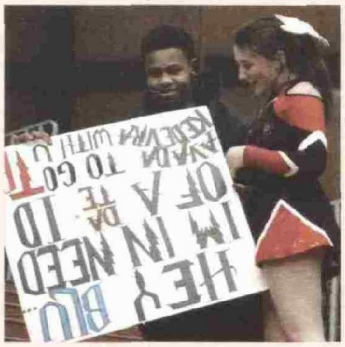
a dot of paint Sporting white dots, Megan Flynn, sophomore, and Jorianna Hazel, junior, smile at the crowd during a basketball game. After a few years of little communication with the student section, the cheerleaders started to coordinate with the section again. "We wanted to be more in tune with the student section," Hazel said. Photo by Lilia Brunetti **girls night out** At a football game, Corina Cabrales, senior, performs with younger cheerleaders. The cheer team hosted an annual Kids' Camp where kids got to learn certain cheers and accompanied them for a quarter of a football game. "My favorite part was getting to hang out with the little kids," Cabrales said. "I got to teach them new stuff that they had never seen before." Photo by Lilia Brunetti **high hopes** As she is lifted into the air, Mianna Papageorge, junior, strikes a lib. In cheer, a lib was a one-legged stunt where one was on their right leg and lifted up their left leg. "It was difficult in the beginning," Papageorge said. "Enough practice made it easier." Photo by Chloe Lambert



"One time we were playing soccer and Dylan (Brann) kicked the ball and tried to shoot it and the person was trying to defend him and it hit the person right in the face, it was terrible." **Adrian Christian, 10**

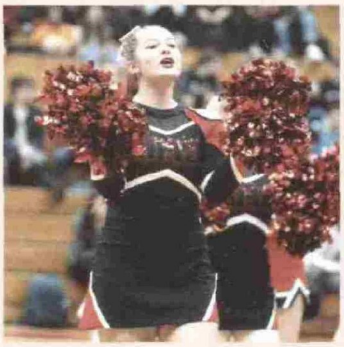
the process of turnabout

the steps the cheerleaders took to put on A Night of A Thousand Lights on Feb. 16



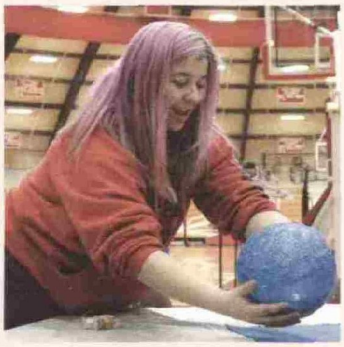
from asking

At the basketball game on Feb. 8, Taylor Perez, freshman, asks Rashod Shine, freshman, to go to Turnabout. Shine happily accepted. "(Asking) was intimidating," Perez said. "But I saw who it was for and felt better." Photo by Chloe Lambert



to the pep session

During the pep session, Bailey Broelmann, senior, chants the Mustang Battle Cry. Cheer was key in building hype for the dance. "I tried to smile for everyone to make people excited," Broelmann said. Photo by Todd McKechnie



to setting up

On the morning of the dance, Melina Chioros, junior, places a centerpiece. Cheerleaders woke up at 7:30 a.m. to set up. "We had to make the dance look pretty make people want to come," Chioros said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

What team would you like to cheer for?

"Probably just basketball because it's my favorite and everyone's has a lot of energy."
Hannah Cockrum, 9

"Probably soccer because it is always up and interesting. There is always something going on."
Megan Flynn, 10

"I'd probably do swimming. I personally like watching swimming. I think it's intense."
Gillian Bedenk, 11

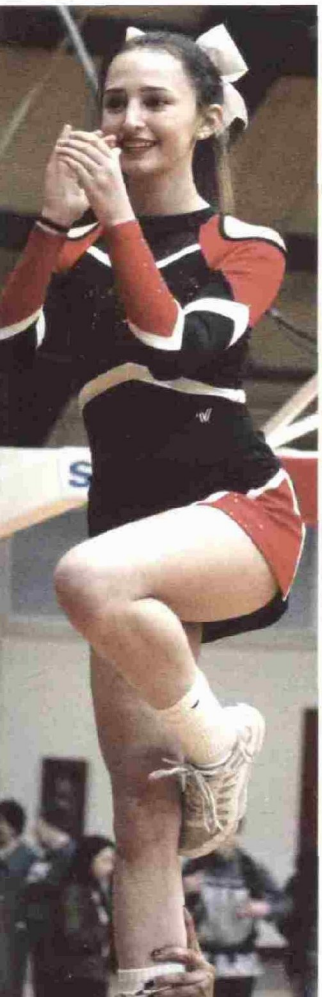
"I'd really like to cheer for baseball. I think baseball is really interesting actually and I grew up watching softball so I know how it works and everything."
Lindsey Katalinic, 11

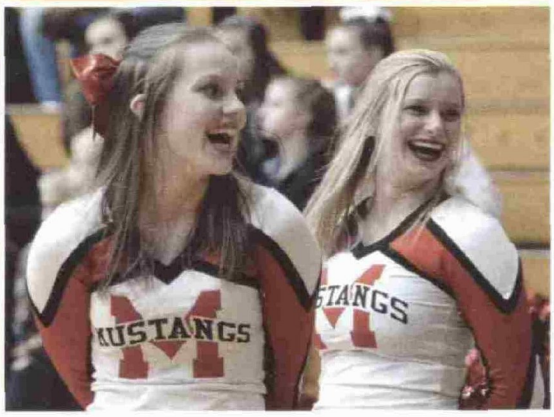
the kneel deal

In the gym, Alejandra Alvarado, freshman, and Mary Elizabeth Calgaro, junior, kneel during a basketball game's halftime show. However, this particular routine was not entirely painless for the cheerleaders. "It definitely was hard on the knees," Calgaro said. "Doing the flips down on the floor also killed our wrists and our hands." Photo by Todd McKechnie

all smiles

At the senior night basketball game, Gillian Bedenk and Lindsey Katalinic, juniors, spend time together between cheers and share a laugh. Cheering together helped the pair to bond throughout the season and work efficiently with one another. "Being able to work together as a team was probably the most important thing," Bedenk said. Photo by Lilia Brunetti





all about that base

Zaria Ellis, senior, explains her position and role in being the back-spot

Q: What is your position in cheer? What do you do when you perform?

A: I back-spot. Basically, there are three people that hold the flyer in the middle. I support them by pulling up and make sure that she is doing her job and everything. I keep the flyer in the air.

Q: How does your role play into routines for competitions and things like that?

A: My role comes in handy for stunting. So, throwing her basically.

hoist her up

Playing their role as flyers, Kaylie Eriks, freshman, Vanessa Koultourides, senior, and Mary Elizabeth Calgaro, junior, are lifted up into a pyramid. Flyers were supported by their other cheerleaders who were called bases. Photo by Lilia Brunetti

"One time me and David (Doflaghor) were at a mall and we go into a Tesla store, hopped into a Tesla and started messing around with it, and we almost broke the radio on it and the speakers were almost busted." Dylan Brann, 12

bring home the bacon

Leo Tsirtsis, sophomore, talks about his usual wrestling season meals

breakfast

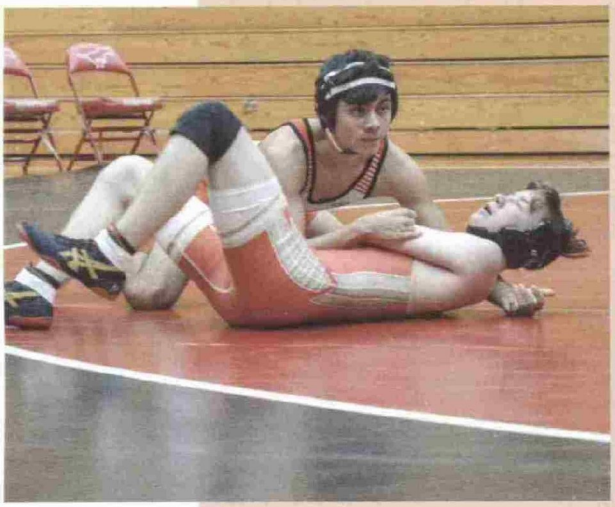
- one cup of yogurt
- add honey for protein and add sugar for the complex carbohydrates

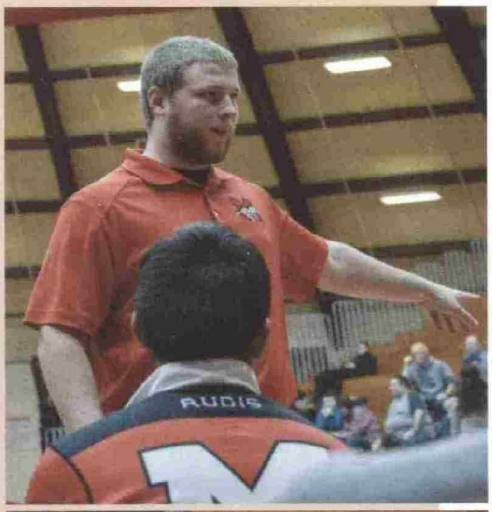
lunch

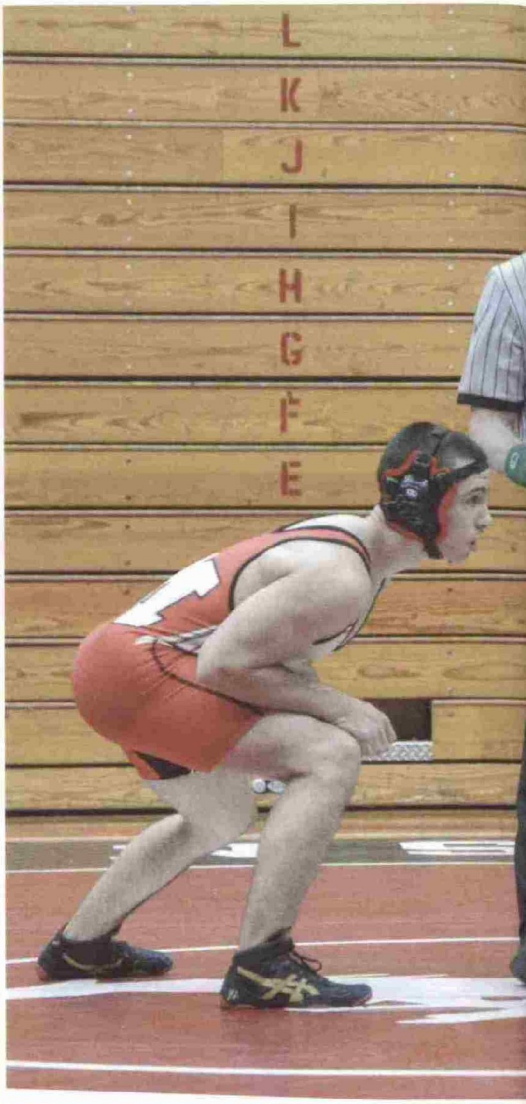
- one type of fruit preferably an orange, banana, or an apple

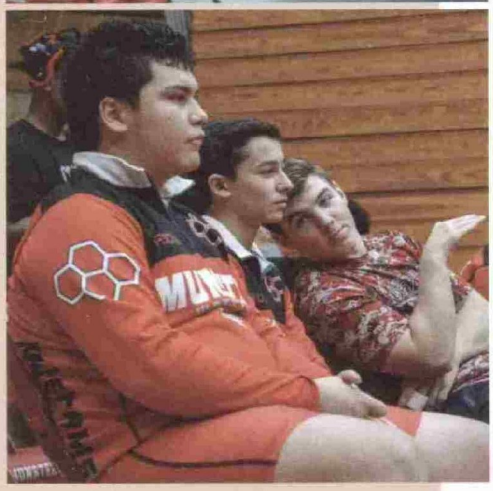
dinner

- one chicken breast
- one cup of rice, add Valentina Hot Sauce for flavor

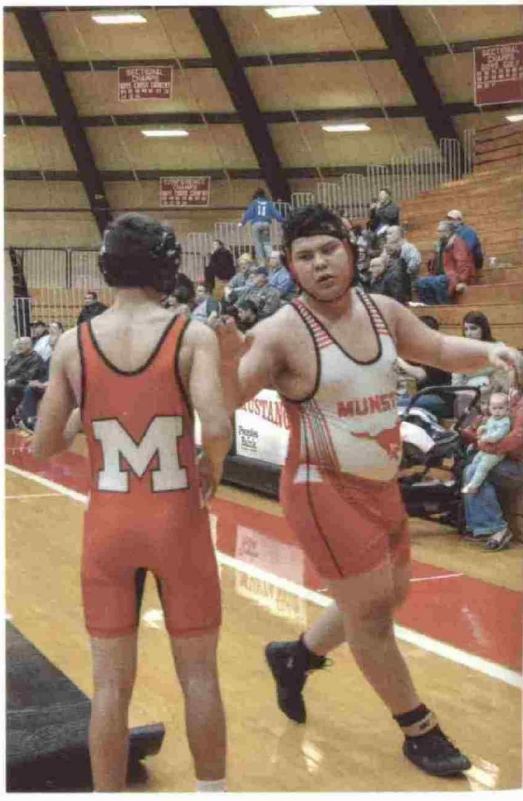








look alive Holding down a competitor from Andrean, Will Rojas, junior, looks to his coach. He was trying to signal and see if he should end the fight or prolong it. "I didn't know if he wanted me to just end it or mess with the guy," Will said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **motivating movement** Talking to his team, Coach Zach Slosser motivates them before a match. Slosser was a big source of inspiration throughout the season. "Slosser always seemed to know what to do and how to do it," Robert Maldonado, junior, said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **word of advice** Speaking to his team mates, Josh Burgos-Diaz, sophomore, and Gabriel Tienstra, freshman, Jonah Clark, senior, provides commentary on the ongoing match. Like Coach Slosser, Jonah was a big source of inspiration for the team. Photo by Vanessa Situ



from experience

only senior on varsity opens up about how he inspires younger team members

"Since I injured my knee, I was not able to wrestle until the end of the season. We had one meet and then the sectional tournament. When I was still hurt, I helped coach the younger kids and did as much as I could. I guess I tried to show them that you have to do as much as you can in every situation and make the most of it."

Jonah Clark, senior

"Me and Marco (Amatulli) were in a hotel room and we completely trashed the room with water fights and the hotel fined us over $500 to pay it all." **David Dafiaghor, 12**

putting up a fight

story by Jack Stork

wrestling discusses their season and how well their season ended despite setbacks at the beginning

The wrestling team began the year with many new, inexperienced members, and managed to have a good season despite their shortcomings. Although they had a record of 3-13, they still ended the season with plenty of success. With six team members making it to the sectional competition and one making it to semi-state, the team composed of mostly underclassmen members did well.

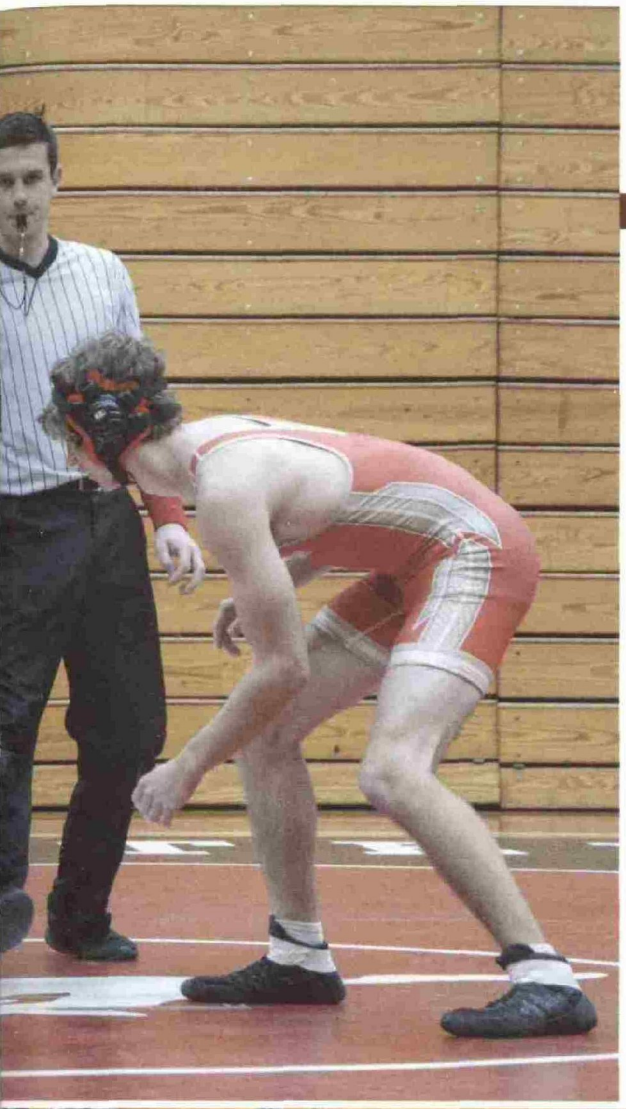
"It wasn't exactly the season we had hoped for, but we made a lot of progress as the season went on and we worked hard. As a team, we are extremely proud of that," Ethan Orange, sophomore, said.

The team, with its young and generally unexperienced members, made many good experiences in light of these obstacles. They grew together as a team and competed fiercely.

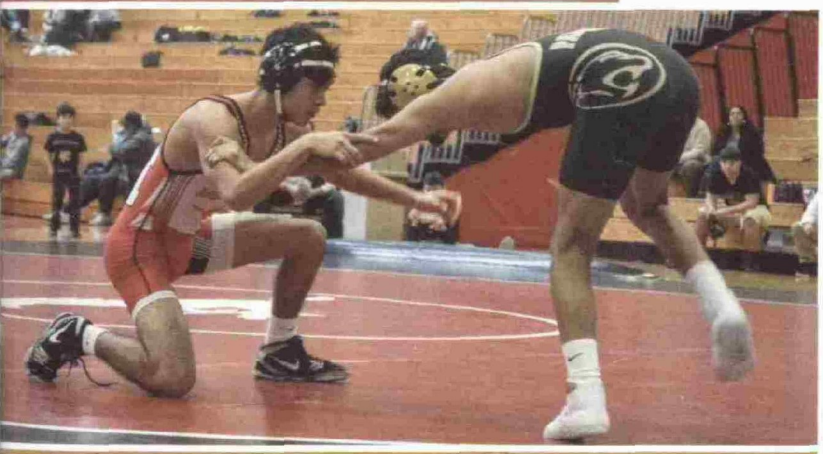
"As a team, all the team supports one another and helps to keep everyone moving forward and progressing," Josh Burgos-Diaz, sophomore, said. "I came into wrestling this year after my freshman year, where I tore a muscle in my shoulder. I was nervous to come back, but the team and the coaches encouraged me to keep wrestling. I had a pretty bad record, but I was proud of it since my team was there with me through the whole way."

The only senior member of the team, Jonah Clark, helped to guide many members of the team throughout the season.

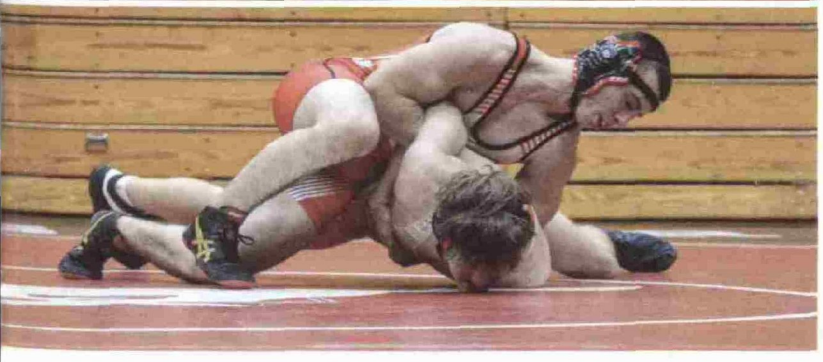
"Our kids are overall young and inexperienced. All of us improved a lot throughout the season and everyone is coming back next year but me," Jonah said. "I hope that I set a good example of hard work that could help motivate them in their upcoming years."



face off At the beginning of a match, Luke Hermansen, junior, gets ready to take down his opponent from Andrean High School. Munster ended up winning the matches hosted at home. "We were both in our wrestling stance, kind of sizing each other up, thinking about how we want to win the match." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



tag team Rushing toward the sideline, Josh Burgos-Diaz, sophomore, sends in Dave Mueller, junior, a victorious round. He was celebrating and wishing his team member luck. "I went to the opposing coaches,shook their hands and told them good luck in the season, and wished my team luck in their coming rounds," Josh said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **a level field** Preparing to take down an opponent, Will Rojas, junior, brings his arm up to slam a Griffith opponent down. He was trying to bring the competitor down to make the round quick. "I figured it was a good idea to yank the guy forward, that way I can just lead him into my shot," Will said. Photo by Lana Salahieh **tap out** Doing a move called the chicken wing, Luke Hermansen, junior, tries to force his Andrean opponent underneath him. He was doing this in an effort to get his opponent onto his back. "For folk style wrestling, it's all about putting your opponent on his back in order to get points or pin him, winning the match," Luke said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca



If you were a professional wrestler, what would your introductory song be?

"'Thunder Struck' because that song gets me so amped up."
Robert Maldonado, 11

"'Kamikaze' by Walk the Moon, its calming yet at times hype-ish."
Leo Tsirtsis, 10

"'Believer' by Imagine Dragons. I feel like that song speaks to what us wrestlers go through on a daily basis, pushing through the pain for discipline and endurance."
Luke Hermansen, 11

"I was with Andrew Synko and we were walking back to his house, and we saw a deer, and it started chasing us so it ran away." Marco Amatulli, 11

bring it on

story by Abbey Burris

jv cheer prepares for competition season

After spending the whole summer working on stunts and learning cheers, the JV cheerleading team was finally ready for their competition season.

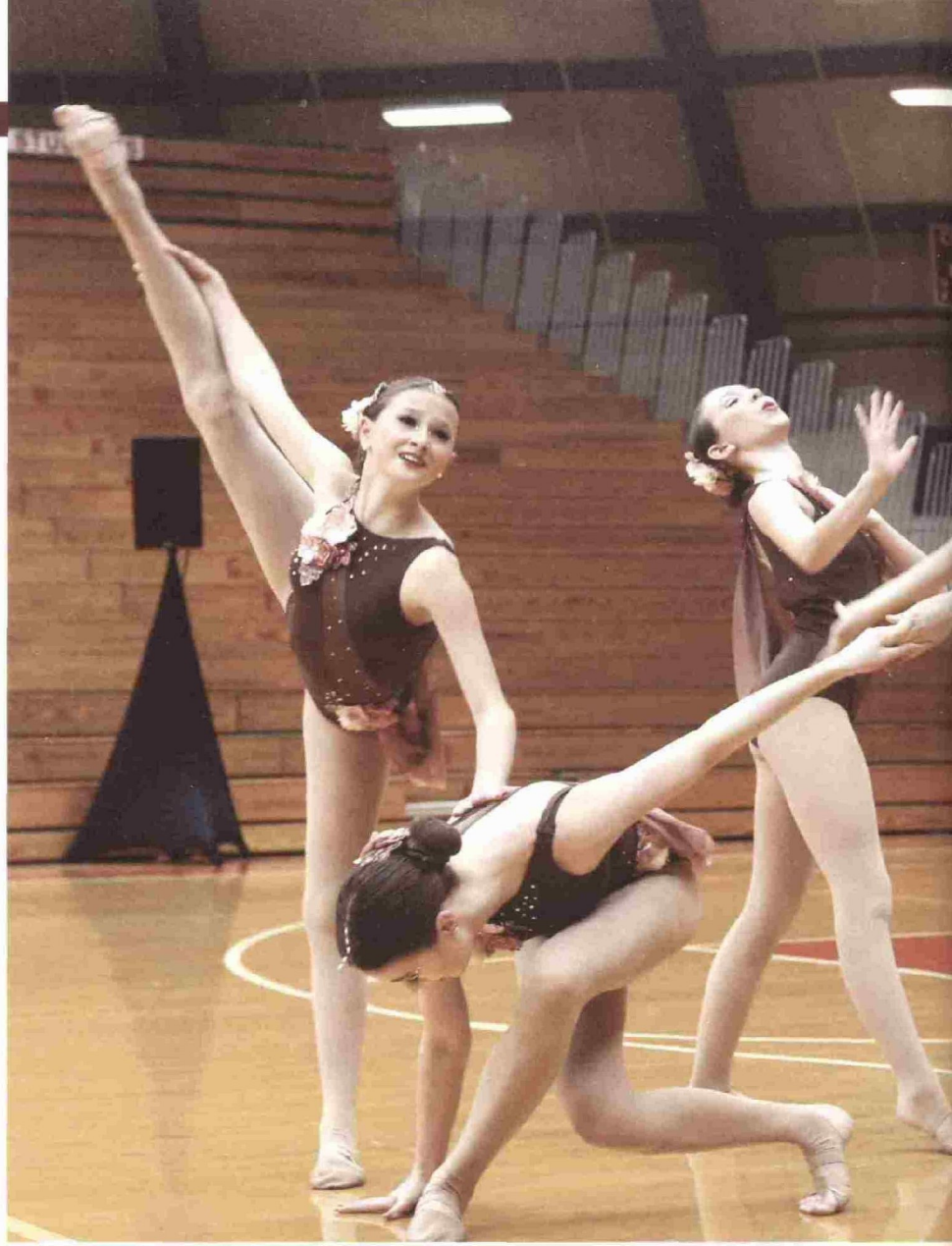
"We went to the UCA cheer camp in June and won superior for one of the competitions," Lizzie Hill, freshman, said.

They began to learn their competition routine after perfecting cheers required for football and basketball season.

"We had many practices and would do full outs where we do every stunt, jump, and tumbling pass," Hill said. "Doing completions were fun."

Their only competition was Sept. 22 where they placed second overall.

"I remember I was so nervous for our first competition," Amaya Dandridge, freshman, said. "But the captains and the coaches assured us that all of our hard work would show on the floor, which gave all of us more confidence."

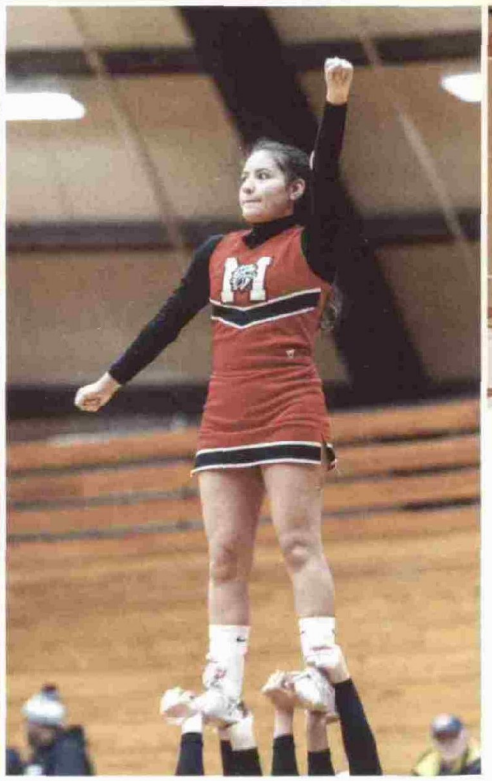


spirit circle

Performing their ensemble, Libby Fesko, freshman, holds her pose with freshmen Alaina Blasko, Cali Peterson, and Peyton Collier. "(When I stepped out onto the floor) I thought to myself 'keep the energy up,' smile, and that I didn't want to let my team down," Fesko said. Photo provided by Jennifer Kruhm

flash a smile

Poms in the air, Yalissa Rubio, junior, cheers on the JV Boys' Basketball team. The season was long, but Rubio felt it was a season of growth. "Cheerleaders brought spirit and energy to the student section and the crowd," Rubio said. Photo Chloe Lambert



What is the best part of being on a team?

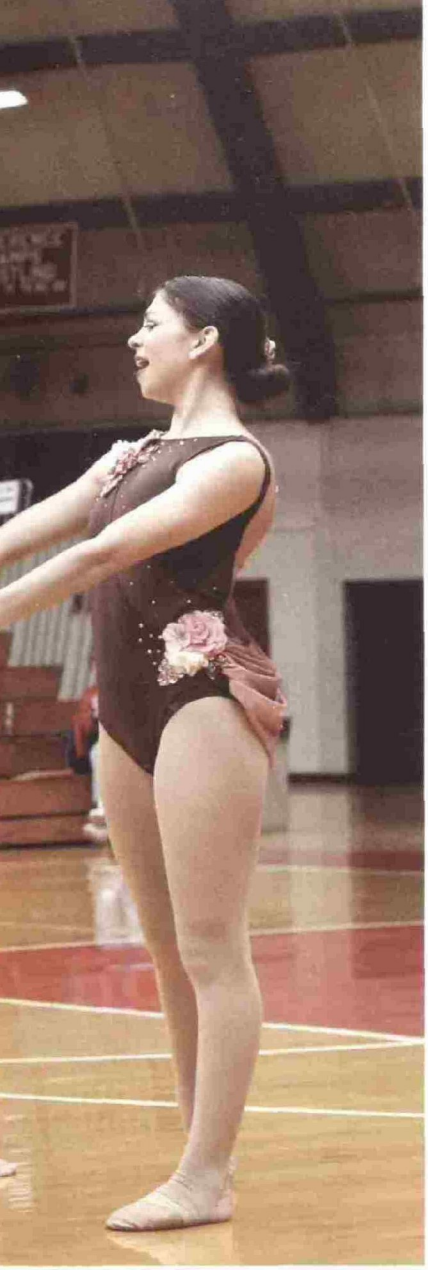
"I think the aspect of family and brotherhood works well because it makes you more comfortable being around people and teaches you how to trust others. It helps build chemistry so you know what each other can and can't do. It makes you able to trust each other more in certain situations."

Madeline McFeely, 9

"The relationships you make with other people. I've gotten really close with my teammates and coaches. (My favorite memory) is probably being in the locker room before hand and just hanging out, getting really excited for the games and dancing around."

Eddie Minniefield, 9

"When I had some friends like Ethan Lieser, Evan Lieser, and Brenden (Guthrie) over for a party, someone decided to throw pop in the fireplace and it exploded all over the backyard and caught everything on fire." **Andrew Synko, 11**



high flying
In an extension, Samantha Del Real, freshman, cheers on the basketball team. Del Real kept her motions tight to ensure the stunt did not fall. "Sometimes practices were hard, but we all pushed each other," Del Real said. "The connection we had together really got me through it." Photo by Chloe Lambert

strut your stuff
After landing a split, Peyton Collier, freshman, smiles at the crowd. "(When I was dancing) I felt really excited," Collier said, "I loved performing and having fun with my friend." Photo by Chloe Lambert

play by play

a review of girls' jv basketball by the numbers

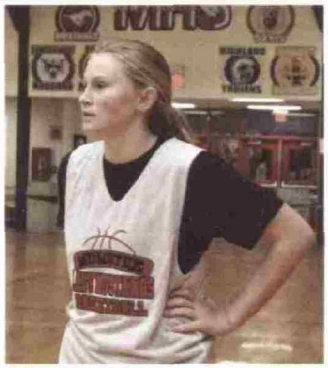
676 total points scored

21 total games played

15 hours a week practicing

7 months of conditioning and practicing

source Emily Eisha, junior, and Ms. Brianne Rubesha, coach



take a breath
Watching her coaches, Nikki Sullivan, sophomore, listens to their instructions. "(My favorite part) was just playing games," Sullivan said. "It was a whole new side of me that stepped onto court." Photo by Vanessa Situ

Who do you look up to on varsity?

Javaughn Richards (senior) — Cesar Castro, 10

Mike Dywan (junior) — Noah Hensley, 10

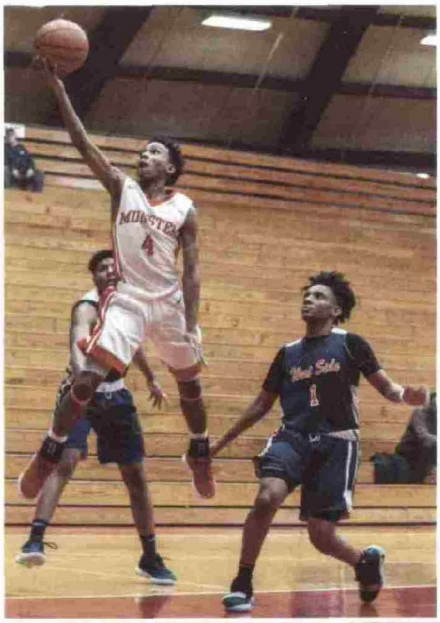
Sam Barraza (senior) — Avery McKnight, 10

Maddy Lakomek (senior) — Emily Eisha, 11

Max Paredes (senior) — Sam Latinovich, 10

Vanessa Koultourides (senior) — Lizzie Hill, 9

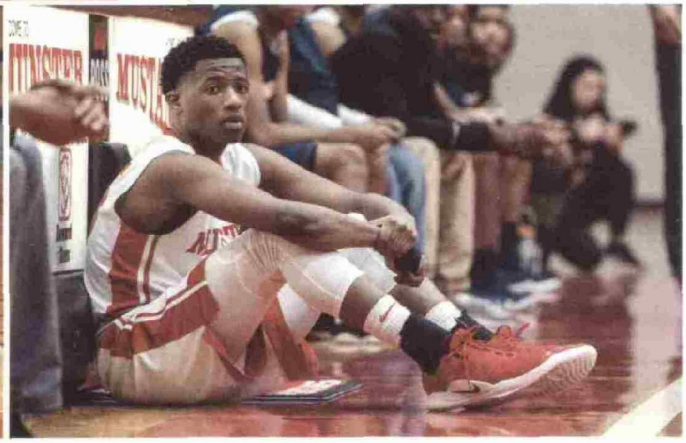
Taylor Perez (freshman) — Sydney Kopp, 9



in their court

jv boys' basketball does well with a record of 17-3

keep it cool In a close game against West Side, Preston Powe (4), sophomore, shoots a lay-up. Although this was a tense moment, the team helps him relax. "It's a stress reliever to get my mind off of stuff," Powe said, "it feels good and helpful to my team." Photo by Todd McKechnie **fast break and shoot** Mid-air, Mehki Banks (35), sophomore, tries to catch the ball over a defender from West Side during a game. Banks made it a priority to get the ball and make it in the basket. "I thought we were going to close it off strong," Banks said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **waiting on the side** Watching the game, Mekhi Banks, sophomore, waits to be checked in. Although this was Banks' first year on the team, he enjoyed playing with new people. "I learned that team basketball was greater than self basketball," Banks said. Photo by Todd McKechnie



"One time I had my friend DJ (Cooper) over and some other people, and I left them at my house for ten minutes, and I came back and they took all my furniture outside." **Brenden Guthrie, 11**

sports reference

boys' cross country

VARSITY Overall 234-442

Crown Point Invite	1 - 2
Jack Bransford	0 - 4
Lake Central Invite	0 - 6
Harrison Invite	7 - 18
New Prairie Invite	9 - 22
Highland	**14 - 3**
NCC Conference	2 - 3
Sectionals	**8 - 2**
Regionals	4 - 5

more from the team on pages 106-107

(first row) Ethan Buck, Charles Iverson, Sam Szala, Oliver Meraz, Steve Bryjak, Abraham Blaesing, Stephen Heritage, Tobin Thayer, Max Lindenmayer **(second row)** Michael Collins, Jacob Cipowski, Ari Arzumanian, Ben Blaesing, Coach Aaron Brown, Juan Olivencia-Duque, Mitchell Buffano, Will Stephan

girls' cross country

more from the team on pages 104-105

(first row) Moira Boyle, Nicole Lu, Erin Gonzales, Faith Eriks, Erin Paskewicz, Maddy Steapleton, Audrey Stooksbury, Annie Abioye, Brisa Bohling **(second row)** Kristen Baurain, Maria Blaesing, Brooke Gardiner, Jorja Shelton, Nayeli Alvarado, Alyssa Nahnsen, Addison Jones, Emma Gossman, Brianna Pazdur **(back row)** Coach Lisa Boyle, Alison Lee, Sam Buffano, Carina Crisan, Sophie Hand, Hannah Robbins, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Katie Hemingway, Ashley Burgess, Emma Higgason, Head Coach Aaron Brown

VARSITY Overall 504-284

Crown Point Invite	**2 - 2**
Jack Bransford	1 - 3
Lake Central Invite	3 - 4
Harrison Invite	**16 - 8**
Lowell Invite	**14 - 5**
New Prairie Invite	**20 - 9**
Highland Invite	**10 - 1**
NCC Conference	**4 - 1**
Sectional	**7 - 0**
Regional	**5 - 4**
Semi-State	2 - 17
State	
Hannah Robbins 21st	

football

VARSITY Overall 1-9

Lake Central	3 - 10
Chesterton	0 - 31
East Chicago	**48 - 24**
Morton	13 - 25
Highland	20 - 30
Andrean	0 - 52
Lowell	12 - 21
Hobart	12 - 49
Kankakee Valley	13 - 20
Sectionals	
Michigan City	19 - 72

more from the team on pages 96-97

(first row) Clara Terry, Kya Vesa, Brody Barlage, Brenden Guthrie, Nick Cieslak, Will McComis, Hannah Zukley, Mollie Clark, Alex Lesinski, Ella McComis **(second row)** Evan Zukley, Ryan Greep, Ethan Pierce, Fred Jumonville, Ethan Roe, James Kocal, Jonah Clark, Anthony Moore, Ronan Meyer **(third row)** Ken Miles, Brett Stepanovich, Tim Radtke, Jelani Warner, Kosta Fotopoulos, Karl Larson, Mike Dywan, DJ Cooper, Ali Sato, Eric Salazar **(fourth row)** Zach Del Nagro, Jaeden Barrientez, Luke Forszt, Faustino Martinez, Noah Poole, Cesar Castro, Andrew Calderon, Tarun Girn, Alejandro Arce, Wesley Roe **(fifth row)** Trevor Maul, Joey Rogers, Cole Lesinski, Noah Hensley, Javaughn Richards, Ethan Orange, Vince Foerster, Will Rojas, Nick Eng, Dawson Ginaven **(back row)** Trainer Tori Wilson, Coach Ryan Gardner, Coach Nick Nowaczyk, Head Coach Jason Grunewald, Coach Andrew Martin, Coach Brian Vance, Coach Tom Largus, Trainer Mary Spina

"One day, I had a football game and me and Jelanie Warner showed up like five minutes before we had to go on the field. We had to do rolls and crazy exercises at practice on Monday." **DJ Cooper, 11**

girls' golf

more from the team on pages 108-109

(front row) Ana Dimopoulos, Grace Gazdecki, Hannah Bard, Emma Gossman, Parkyr Guiton **(back row)** Izzy Bednarowski, Emma Ladd, Becky Jones, Coach Bill Smitka, Alex Rowady, Mirela Jeknic, Ananya Sharma

VARSITY Overall 10-4

Highland	206 - 231
Chesterton	184 - 213
Andrean	173 - 232
Hobart	173 - 233
Highland	173 - 228
Griffith	172 - 219
Lafayette Jefferson Invite	360 5th
Lowell	172 - 202
Kankakee Valley	186 - 198
Hanover Central	186 - 250
Valparaiso	187 - 173
NCC Tournament	367 1st
Sectionals	376 3rd
Regionals	374 11th

JV Overall 11-3-2

Portage	7 - 2
Penn	2 - 4
Crown Point	0 - 4
Bishop Noll	8 - 1
Lake Central	1 - 1
Hobart	6 - 0
Chesterton	3 - 2
Andrean	5 - 0
Merrillville	3 - 2
Highland	2 - 0
South Bend St. Joseph	1 - 0
Guerin Catholic	1 - 1
Zionsville	0 - 2
Kankakee Valle	5 - 0
Valparaiso	2 - 1
Crown Point	1 - 1

jv boys' soccer

(front row) Max Marich, Jacob Corner, Gabriel Tienstra, Joel Flores, Eric Harvath, Bobby Guy **(second row)** Charles Mason, Bryan Rosales, Adrian Christian, Gavin Kinsella, John Linnane, Nana Nnuro-Frimpong **(back row)** Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Michael Cundiff, Sam Latinovich, Logan Carter, Aleks Maric, Enrique Campos, Afam Oniah, Gustavo Carvajal, Head Coach Demetri Georgalas

varsity boys' soccer

more from the team on pages 102-103

(first row) Vitaliy Prots, Marco Amatulli, Nolan DiCarlo, Kyle Kaufmann, Blake Marcotte, Tyler Krucina **(second row)** Max Arnold, Adam Wisniewski, David Dafiaghor, Gianluca Scalzo, Will Teske, Max Paredes, Roman Garcia, Luke Davidson **(back row)** Head Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Caeden Taylor, Myles Peterson, Sean Adams, Sam Lash, Dylan Brann, Tim Giannini, PJ Katona, Coach Demetri Georgalas

VARSITY Overall 13-6

Portage	2 - 2		
Penn	2 - 2		
Crown Point	1 - 2	Sectionals	
Bishop Noll	2 - 0	Highland	2 - 1
Lake Central	1 - 2	Lake Central	1 - 1
Hobart	4 - 2	Morton	3 - 4
Chesterton	0 - 2		
Andrean	3 - 2		
Merrillville	5 - 0		
Highland	1 - 2		
South Bend St. Joseph	2 - 2		
Lowell	9 - 1		
Zionsville	0 - 1		
Guerin Catholic	2 - 1		
Kankakee Valley	5 - 1		
Valparaiso	2 - 0		

FRESHMEN Overall 2-6

Lake Central	6 -33
Chesterton	2 -28
Morton	11 -30
Highland	21 - 6
Andrean	6 -20
Lowell	12 -45
Hobart	7 -36
Kankakee Valley	21 - 7

(first row) Thomas Choros, Vincent Foerster, Jordan Scott, Varrick Allen **(second row)** Austin Talbot, Brody Barlage, Zack Lenaburg, Chase Clark, Rashod Shine, Edward Lewis, Wesley Roe, Nick Godinez, Karl Larson, Clayton Sinwelski **(back row)** Head Coach Matthew Kalwasinski, Xavier Leech, Kylan Hodges-Jones, Josh Clark, Alex Pala, Eric Salazar, Noah Hensley, Blake Slurek, Jason Sanchez, Ethan Roe, Cesar Castro, Damian Perkins, Aleks Maric, Coach Jay Chrystowski, Zach Del Nagro, Ethan Pierce, Diego Oliver, Coach Josh Herold

freshmen-sophomore football

"My freshman year, me and Jadan Warner and some friends were chilling in English class and all of a sudden we hear a Big Sean song start blaring from Mr. Mayer and the awkwardness was so funny." **Jelani Warner, 12**

sports reference

girls' soccer

VARSITY Overall 11-7

McCutcheon	0-1	Lowell	8-0
Marian	2-1	Merrillville	8-0
Northridge	0-3	Kankakee Valley	4-4
Portage	4-1	Crown Point	3-4
Penn	1-3		
Hobart	9-0	Sectionals	
Lake Central	1-3	Crown Point	3-2
Andrean	6-0	Lowell	9-0
Valparaiso	0-2	Lake Central	0-1
Culver Military	5-2		
Highland	1-0		

JV Overall 7-3-3

Portage	5-0	Lowell	6-0
Penn	0-1	Merrillville	7-0
Hobart	w	Crown Point	0-2
Lake Central	2-0	Homestead	1-1
Andrean	8-0	Penn	1-2
Valparaiso	1-1		
Culver Military	5-0		
Highland	0-0		

more from the team on pages 100-101

(front row) Samantha Barraza, Riley Portone, Adeline Andello, Madison Hansen, Janica van Ghunt, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Annabelle Giannini, Alaina Lany, Rebeka Spicer **(second row)** Coach Valerie Pflum, Gianna Hough, Kayla Ziel, Myra Peralta, Maureen Van Matre, Grace Helmer, Juli Nelson, Emma Herring, Maddi Bell, Abigail Stefan, Head Coach Erin Goodman **(third row)** Kenna Teske, Autumn Zager, Marisa Paredes, Kylie Reed, Carson Kekelik, Selma Srour, Katy Nelson **(back row)** Coach Eleni Agelopoulos, Anushka Majety, Keira Hawk, Alice Foley, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, Madi Griegel, Olivia Choros, Harper Swope, Avery McKnight, Mattie Tengdin, Lainie Gideon, Coach John Fekete

boys' tennis

VARSITY Overall 18-2 NCC 5-0

Lake Central	4-1	Sectionals	
Ft. Wayne Carroll	4-1	Calumet	5-0
Ft. Wayne Leo	2-3	Highland	5-0
Valparaiso	4-1		
Kankakee Valley	5-0	Regionals	
Highland	5-0	Merrillville	5-0
Culver Miltary	3-2	Crown Point	4-1
West Lafayette	3-2		
Penn	3-2	Semi-state	
Hobart	5-0	Culver Miltary	2-3
Andrean	5-0		
Chesterton	4-1	State	
Guerin Catholic	4-1	Frank Wolf &	
Terre Haute South	2-3	Zach Schmidt	4th
Crown Point	4-1		

(first row) Peyton Specht, Alek Covic, James Stewart, Ethan Park, Joe Webster, DJ Fesko, Isaiah Kim, Evan Pruzin, Shreyas Iyer **(second row)** Jack Gauderman, Max Ladd, Sami Muhrez, Louie Wolf, Michael Svolos, Kenil Pachani, Peter Giannini, Ben Dodge, Kathir Venkat, Nick Stephan, Rayhan Zaman, Ryan Muntean **(back row)** Coach Sid Rothstein, Charlie Morton, Donnie Hamilton, Frank Wolf, Zach Schmidt, Head Coach Patrick Spohr, James Krieg, Ron Panigrahi, Sammy Fuller, Caleb Grennan, Coach Eric Mackowiak

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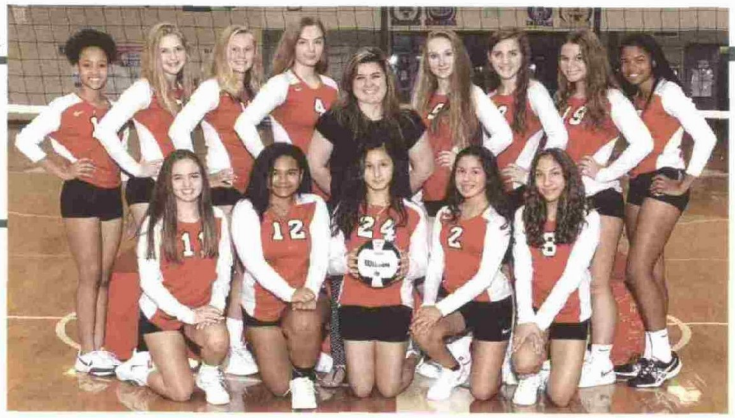
"We were in the studio and the cops came in and told us to get on the floor. They thought we were robbing the place, or something, but in the end, we were okay." **Jaden Warner, 12**

FRESHMAN Overall 26-4

Regionals
Penn 1 - 3
Crown Point 3 - 1
Morton 3 - 0
Highland 3 - 0



freshmen volleyball

(first row) MacKenna Weatherly, Evneki Crenshaw, Ellen Bazaldua, Alyssa Zapata, Arianna Rodriguez **(back row)** Dyan Oliver, Amy Savickis, Nikki Sullivan, Sydney Lash, Coach Caelainn Crnjak, Mickellan Kelly-Long, Grace Clark, Basilia Kostopanagio, Alexis Erving

jv volleyball

(first row) Olivia Paprstein, Mackenzie Stricklin, Coach Andrea Sullivan, Emily Banaszek, Sarah Resch **(second row)** Marina Gronkiewicz, Emma Miles, Catherine Clements, Sophia Farias **(back row)** Mia Adamus, Maddy Andrzejewski

JV Overall 25-4

Crown Point 1 - 2
Chesterton 2 - 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 2 - 0
Lowell 2 - 0
Marian 2 - 0
Andrean 2 - 1
Bishop Noll 2 - 0
Hobart 2 - 0
Mishawaka 2 - 1
East Chicago 2 - 0
Michigan City 2 - 0
Warsaw 0 - 2
Lake Central 2 - 1
Highland 2 - 0
Kankakee Valley 2 - 0
Valparaiso 0 - 2
Lowell 2 - 0
Illiana 2 - 0
Bolingbrook 2 - 0
Lincolnway 2 - 0
Marist 0 - 2
Kankakee Valley 2 - 0
Andrean 2 - 0
Portage 2 - 0
Hobart 2 - 0
Highland 2 - 0
Lowell 2 - 0
Valparaiso 2 - 1
LaPorte 2 - 1

VARSITY Overall 17-1

Crown Point 1 - 3
Chesterton 3 - 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 3 - 0
Lowell 3 - 0
Marian Catholic 3 - 1
Andrean 3 - 0
Bishop noll 3 - 2
Hobart 3 - 0
Lake Central 3 - 0
Highland 3 - 0
Kankakee Valley 3 - 0
Valparaiso 3 - 0
Lowell 3 - 0
Kankakee Valley 3 - 0
Andrean 3 - 0
Portage 3 - 0
Hobart 3 - 0
Highland 3 - 0

(first row) Imani Kemp, Hannah Foster, Laila Wallace, Hazel Wolf, Marina Gronkiewicz, Sarah Morton **(second row)** Coach Brett Boden, Holly Kairn, Haley Melby, Madison Horin, Emily Banaszek, Jordyn Warner, Lilly Lemke, Coach Andrea Sullivan **(back row)** Sydney Foster, Lourdes Torres

varsity volleyball

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"One time I dunked on James (Sroge) and it was bad because he fell and broke his glasses." **Jaedon Barrientez, 12**

sports reference

freshmen boys' basketball

FRESHMEN Overall 6-0

Kankakee Valley	56 - 35
Hammond	37 - 33
Lowell	45 - 25
Portage	32 - 30
Lake Central	43 - 40
Gary West Side	48 - 46

(front row) Louis Meldgin, Jordan Martinez-Scott, Bryce Williams, Jerry Rodriguez, Allan Dedelow, Jonathan Bryson-Harvey, Eddie Minniefield **(back row)** Nick Stephan, Sean Kimble, Monday Coleman, Coach Christian Young, Bradley Mokan, Stephen Gill, Omar Jackson, Peter Moreno

jv boys' basketball

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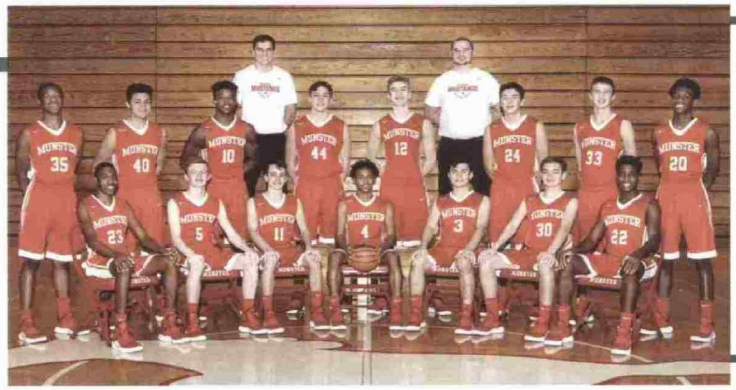


(front row) Jamail Smith, Michael Cundiff, Ben Greiner, Preston Powe, Derrick Wiening, Cooper Grapenthien, Afam Oniah **(second row)** Mekhi Banks, Tyler Reyna, Jeremiah Lovett, Keith Kaszycki, Clayton Bubash, Dane Hamilton, Bryce Schaum, Xander Wilson **(back row)** Coach Luke Hackett, Coach Jack Cundiff

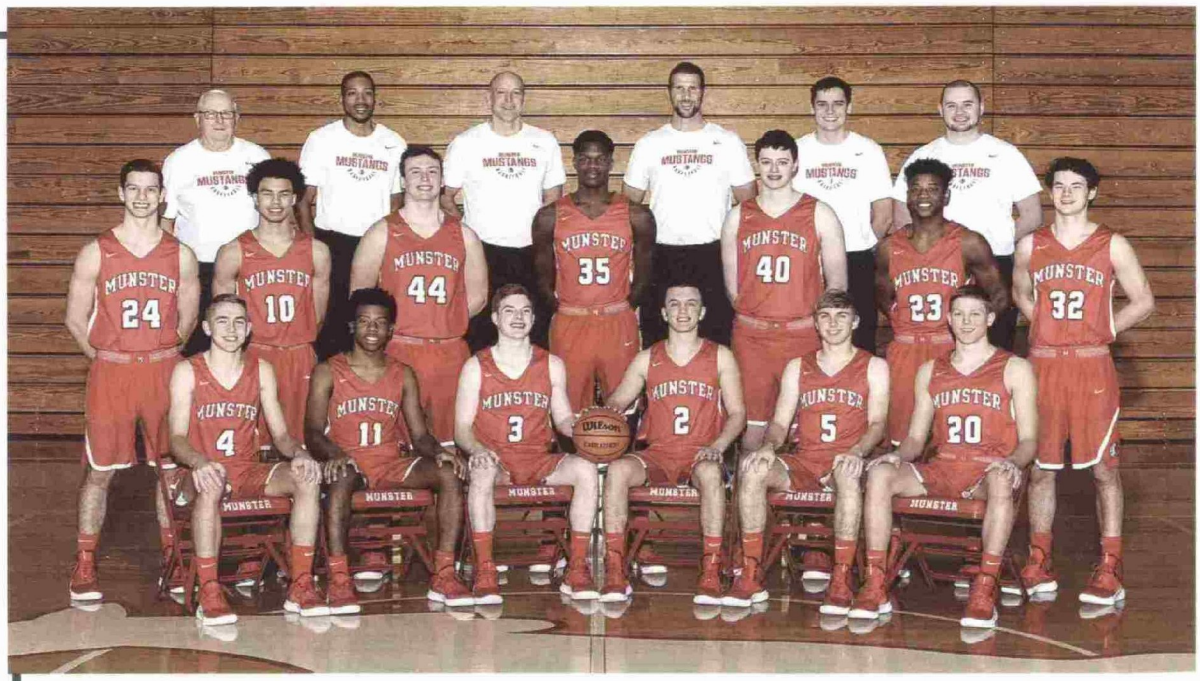
JV Overall 20-2

Bishop Noll	75 - 26	Chesterton	2 - 26
Portage	60 - 32	Griffith	53 - 40
Hammond	62 - 27	Andrean	61 - 19
Morton	55 - 53	Clark	37 - 29
East Chicago	52 - 46	LaPorte	43 - 34
Crown Point	52 - 46		
Lake Central	53 - 40		
River Forest	61 - 19		
Highland	37 - 29		
Kankakee Valley	51 - 43		
Merrillville	57 - 47		
Michigan City	46 - 46		
Hobart	65 - 32		
Lowell	50 - 34		
Valparaiso	47 - 49		
Gary West Side	51 - 49		

varsity boys' basketball

VARSITY Overall 22-5

Bishop Noll	72 - 42
Portage	67 - 49
Hammond	61 - 48
Morton	52 - 40
East Chicago Central	57 - 55
Crown Point	51 - 55
Lake Central	47 - 37
Whiting	81 - 51
Highland	59 - 26
Griffith	71 - 57
Kankakee Valley	78 - 38
Highland	82 - 49
Merrillville	47 - 44
Michigan City	59 - 46
Hobart	60 - 38
Lowell	59 - 45
Valparaiso	58 - 43
Gary West Side	44 - 48
Chesterton	49 - 54
Griffith	52 - 56
Andrean	52 - 33
Hammond Clark	89 - 39
LaPorte	65 - 40
Sectionals	
Lake Central	57 - 44
Crown Point	50 - 45
Lowell	56 - 33
Regionals	
Northridge	53 - 62



(front row) P.J. Katona, Josh Davis, Eric Jerge, Tyler Zabrecky, Tim Giannini, Greg Charles **(second row)** Luka Balac, Jevon Morris, Scott Farmer, Dorian Benford, Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, Jeremiah Lovett, Nick Fies **(back row)** Coach Greg Luksich, Coach Christian Young, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Luke Hackett, Coach Jack Cundiff

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"We have this big choir thing going on where Keith Martin is Mr. President. There's always been this thing where you put two fingers to your ear like your the secret service and the last person to do it has to be tackled and you yell 'Mr. President, get down.' We did that one time after school to Keith and the look on his face was the funniest thing I've ever seen." **James Sroge, 12**

FRESHMEN Overall 8-7

East Chicago	29 - 23
Hobart	23 - 20
Hanover Central	35 - 25
Gary West Side	17 - 41
Kankakee Valley	22 - 33
Highland	31 - 19
Clark	33 - 10
Lake Central	14 - 41
Gavit	23 - 13
Griffith	32 - 29
Chesterton	18 - 40
Crown Point	12 - 36
Valparaiso	13 - 46
Highland	28 - 27
Portage	26 - 43

freshmen girls' basketball

(front row) Laila Mosley, Morgan Kazragys, Zoie Bailey, Sierra Sweeney, Olivia Porter, Madeline McFeely **(back row)** Arianna Maldonado, Salma Khani, Alexandra Platis, Amelia Hernandez, Coach Bernadette Grabowski, Lindsey Reda, Ashlynn Booker, Kaylauren Gruber

jv girls' basketball

more from the team on pages 130-131

(front row) Grace Clark, Emily Elsha, Becky Jones, Hannah Zukley, Nikki Sullivan, Alice Foley **(back row)** Kya Vesa, Jordan Duff, Jackie Rowady, Coach Brianne Rubesha, Natalie Mansour, Dané van Ghunt, Patty Pfister

JV Overall 12-9

Hammond	35 - 12	Bishop Noll	53 - 30
East Chicago	22 - 28	Portage	33 - 55
Chesterton	30 - 47	Calumet	41 - 18
Andrean	31 - 26	Mishawaka	32 - 41
Morton	32 - 29	Gary West Side	33 - 35
Clark	45 - 6	TF South	34 - 23
Hebron	31 - 19	Crown Point	23 - 50
Lake Central	13 - 48	Kankakee Valley	38 - 37
Hobart	31 - 19	Highland	33 - 20
Lowell	20 - 33	Illiana Christian	39 - 28
Gary West Side	27 - 37		

VARSITY Overall 15-9

Hammond	77 - 26
East Chicago	45 - 40
Chesterton	35 - 53
Andrean	47 - 60
Morton	46 - 21
Clark	82 - 12
Hebron	61 - 55
Lake Central	22 - 50
Hobart	68 - 30
Lowell	65 - 43
Gary West Side	44 - 53
Bishop Noll	62 - 69
Portage	54 - 50
Calumet	42 - 30
McCutcheon	43 - 51
South Bend Adams	48 - 39
Mishawaka	36 - 27
TF South	58 - 56
Crown Point	37 - 60
Kankakee Valley	32 - 68
Highland	37 - 35
Illiana Christian	70 - 32
Morton	45 - 31
Hammond	30 - 41

(front row) Aleena Mangerie, Emily Zabrecky, Delaney McGinty, Emily Elsha, Grace Helmer, Isabelle Bednarowski **(back row)** Coach Jim Davidson, Coach Bernadette Grabowski, Kya Vesa, Kayla Ziel, Janica van Ghunt, Ella McComis, Madison Lakomek, Coach Beth Rospopovich, Patty Pfister, Coach Brianne Rubesha

varsity girls'basketball

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"At our lunch table, my friends Noel (Fary), Emma (Higgason), Aidan (Chism), and I have been conditioning Jack Stork and doing mental tests on him where Noel will pound on the lunch table and Aidan will have a bag of goldfish and ask Jack whenever Noel pounds on the table if he wants a goldfish so after a bunch of trials we can just pound on the table and Jack will automatically ask for a goldfish." **Keith Martin, 11**

sports reference

jv cheerleading

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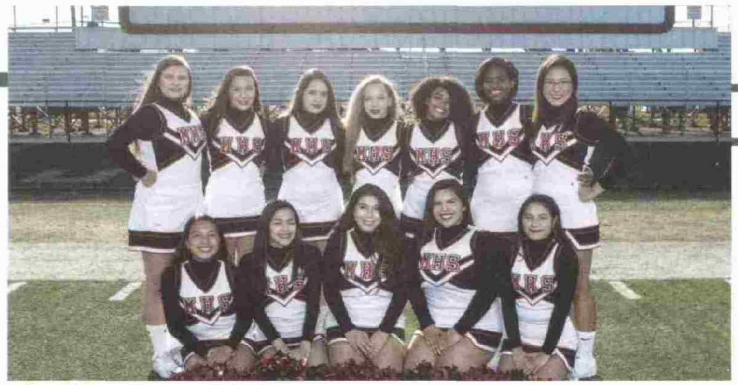
(front row) Lizzie Hill, Dayanara Jimenez, Espi Navarro, Yalissa Rubio, Samantha Del Real **(back row)** Sydney Kopp, Bailee DeJarlais, Lindsey Guy, Madison Green, Amaya Dandridge, Eriana Stevens, Marissa Slivka



JV

Lake Central	2nd

varsity cheerleading

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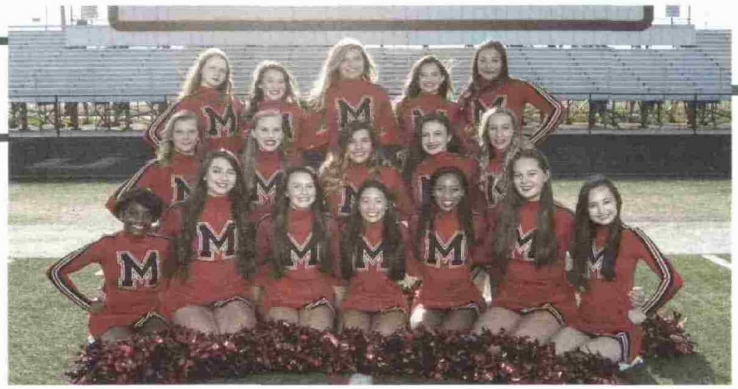
(front row) Jori Hazel, Maddy Sample, Nicole Tsoukalas, Corina Cabrales, Zaria Ellis, Bailey Broelmann, Mianna Papageorge **(second row)** Lindsey Katalinic, Gillian Bedenk, Meli Chioros, Alayna Eismin, MaryElizabeth Calgaro **(back row)** Hannah Cockrum, Taylor Perez, Megan Flynn, Kaylie Eriks, Alejandra Alvarado



VARSITY

Lake Central	2nd
Purdue	**1st**
Pendleton	5th
State Prelims/Regionals	Top 8

jv dance

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(front row) Peyton Collier, Marina Gasich, Alayna Blasko, Cali Petersen **(middle row)** Emmaline Miller, Alexis Lepir, Taylor Olmstead, Amyah Payton **(back row)** Avery Beerling, Elizabeth Fesko, Abigail Silva, Jenna Koscox

JV

Clark		Small Ensemble	75.60 / 2nd
JV Pom	**78.7 / 1st**	**Junior Solo,**	
JV Jazz	77.17 / 2nd	**Koscox**	**81.25 / 1st**
Small Ensemble	64.17 / 3rd	Regionals	
Junior Solo,		**JV Pom**	**1st**
Koscox	**82.90 / 1st**	JV Jazz	2nd
Chicagoland		NDA Nationals	
JV Pom	7th	JV Pom	93.2 / 3rd
JV Jazz	3rd	Varsity Jazz	87.60 / 5th
Marian		State	
JV Pom	**67.65 / 1st**	**JV Pom**	**81.50 / 1st**
JV Jazz	**78.15 / 1st**	JV Jazz	85.36 / 2nd
Small Ensemble	75.60 / 2nd	Junior Solo,	
Junior Solo,		Koscox	90.26 / 2nd
Koscox	**81.25 / 1st**	Small Ensemble	82.0/ 3rd
Lake Central			
JV Pom	**77.83 / 1st**		
JV Jazz	**78.73 / 1st**		

varsity dance

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(front row) Alyssa Strege, Alina Arzumanian, Sophia Becker-Toro, Ceci Lipschultz, Monica Fronczek **(middle row)** Layna Kounelis, Alexandra Vjestica, Jill Cuvala, Alyse Lepir, Savanah Sharpe, Bella Buono, Payton Poulston **(back row)** Halle Asplund, Stephanie Niemiec, Abbey Ruckert, Taylor Graham, Kailyn Oganovich, Clara Zuniga

VARSITY

Clark		Lake Central	
Varsity Pom	**81.00 / 1st**	Varsity Pom	84.6 / 2nd
Varsity Jazz	76.17 / 3rd	**Varsity Jazz**	**82.93 / 1st**
Large Ensemble	**74.87 / 1st**	**Large Emsemble**	**80.57 / 1st**
Small Ensemble	69.4 / 2nd	**Small Ensemble**	**77.73 / 1st**
Duet,		Duet,	
Poulston & Ruckert	73.33 / 2nd	**Poulston & Ruckert**	**80.03 / 1st**
Solo, Sharpe	**68.97 / 1st**	Solo Sharpe	86.20 / 2nd
UDA Chicagoland		Regionals	
Varsity Pom	5th	**Varsity Pom**	**1st**
Varsity Jazz	6th	Varsity Jazz	3rd
Marian		NDA Nationals	
Varsity Pom	**83.90 / 1st**	Varsity Pom	93.2/ 3rd
Varsity Jazz	**80.80 / 1st**	Varsity Jazz	87.23 / 6th
Large Ensemble	**73.73 / 1st**	State	
Small Ensemble	**82.70 / 1st**	**Varsity Pom**	**93.08 / 1st**
Duet,		Varsity Jazz	90.87 / 3rd
Poulston & Ruckert	**74.25 / 1st**	**Large Ensemble**	**87.98 / 1st**
Solo, Sharpe	82.50 / 2nd	Small Ensemble	88.58 / 2nd
		Duet,	
		Poulston & Ruckert	89.36 / 2nd
		Solo, Sharpe	**94.78 / 1st**

"I was walking with Emma Higgason in the streets of Boston, Massachusetts at the Harvard Speech Tournament. I had recently eaten lunch and I had a plastic knife in my coat pocket and as we were walking I would take the knife out of my pocket and wave at people with it and we were denied access to a Curious George museum store." **Noel Fary, 11**

girls' swimming and diving

more from the team on pages 120-121

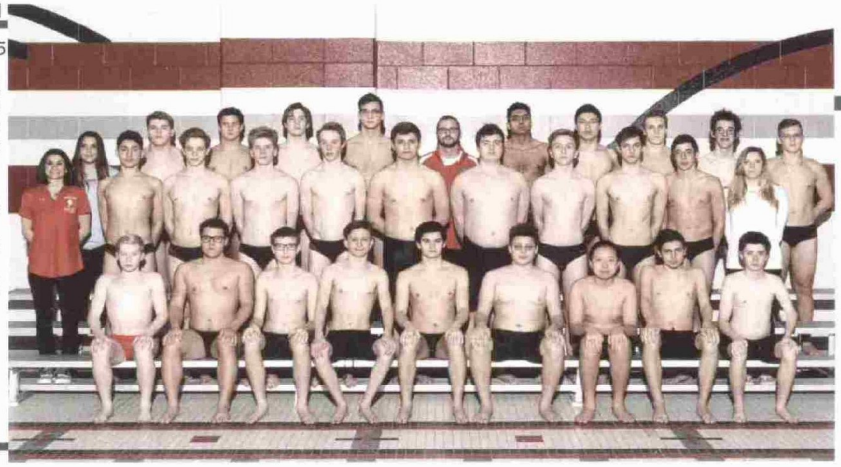
(front row) Ally Burris, Emma Herring, Brisa Bohling, Maria Blaesing, Rebecca Franco, Sophia Brunetti, Maya Queroz, Leah John, Eliana Candelaria, Ava Jureczko, Coach Gabi Bruhn **(second row)** Olivia Candelaria, Priscilla Zavala, Coach Cal-Jammie Richmond, Moira Glowacki, Alexis Flores, Kamryn Soares, Samantha Buffano, Melinda Michalski, Savannah Frazier, Maria Pulidaeva, Clarisa Cortez, Coach Anna Nashiska, Julia Garcia, Carson Kekelik **(third Row)** Georgie Manojlovic, Taylor Raycroft, Audrey Beck, Jennifer Lockhart, Elizabeth Hanas, Safia Shad, Coach Mathew Pavlovich

VARSITY Overall 9-4

Penn	77 - 109
Lowell	**132 - 50**
Valparaiso	**109 - 74**
Crown Point	**120 - 65**
Kankakee Valley	**149 - 32**
Hamilton South- 3rd eastern Invite	
South Bend	**139 - 39**
Riley	
Highland Invite 3rd	
Hobart	**130 - 56**
Highland	**129 - 52**
Lake Central	**83 -102**
NCC Conference	**1st**
Sectionals	2nd

VARSITY Overall 13-1

Penn	96.5 - 88.5
Munster Relays	**1st**
Lowell	**137 - 43**
Valparaiso	**130 - 50**
Crown Point	**115 - 70**
Kankakee Valley	**134 - 46**
Hamilton Southeast- ern Invite	2nd
South Bend Riley	**109 - 76**
Highland Invite	**1st**
Hobart	**113 - 69**
Highland	**W**
Lake Central	**121 - 64**
NCC Conference	**1st**
Sectionals	**W**
State	5th
Kyle Adams	**1st**
200 relay	2nd
Grant Afman	2nd
Holden Raffin	3rd



boys' swimming and diving

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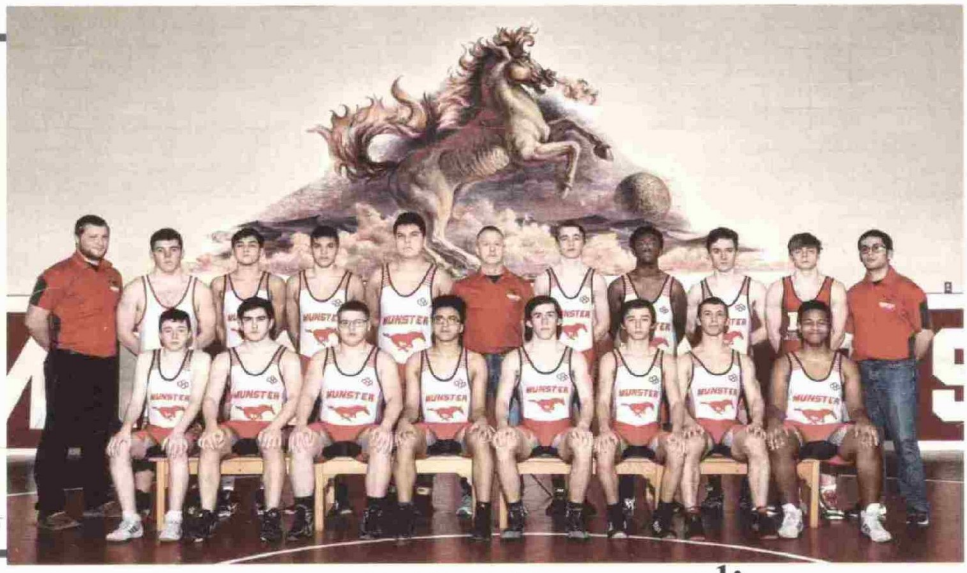
(front row) Karl Larson, Carlo Candelaria, Steve Bryjak, Santiago Rivera Avila, Tony Bohling, Max Austin, Cody Zhang, Lucas Alvarez-Carey, Keegan Poulsen **(second row)** Coach Cal-Jammie Richmond, Victor Vatchev, Aidan Smith, Griffin Poulsen, Scott Robbins, Ilija Manojlovic, Jack Burian, Mikey Dempsey, Martin Barnard, Kenny Reed, Coach Gabi Bruhn **(back row)** Olivia Candelaria, Donovan Lambert, Grant Afman, Kyle Adams, Jake Whitaker, Coach Mathew Pavlovich, Justin Singh, Fenry Zhou, Holden Raffin, Jack Robbins, Michael Morganelli

VARSITY Overall 3-19

Andrean	**46-30**
Lowell	16 - 70
Plymouth Invitation	
Norwell	6 - 72
Fort Wayne Dwenger	30 - 48
Plymouth	6 - 60
Peru	9 - 66
Highland	20 - 51
Indianapolis Cathedral	0 - 84
Memorial Wrestling	
Lowell	6 - 66
Floyd Central	6 - 75
Culver Academy	12 - 56
Lake Station	**41-36**
Griffith	12 - 57
Munster Super Duals	
Lake Central	0 - 75
Illiana Christian	29 - 33
Michigan City	18 - 58
Chesterton	6 - 79
Winamac	19 - 55
Kankakee Valley Invitational	
Griffith	**40 - 36**
Wheeler	30 - 47
Hobart	6 - 75
Kankakee Valley	15 - 63
Northwest Crossroads Tournamnet	
Gabriel Tienstra & Will Rojas	3rd
Ethan Korwek	2nd
Sectionals	
Jonah Clark	2nd
Elijah Homan & Gabriel Tienstra	3rd
Regionals	
Team	11th
Individual	4th
Semi-State	
Jonah Clark	Qualifier



(front row) Elijah Homan, Ethan Korwek, Noah Escamilla, Ethan Orange, Leo Tsirtsis, Gabe Tienstra, Luke Hermansen, Rashod Shine **(back row)** Coach Zach Slosser, Jonah Clark, William Rojas, Robert Maldonado, Josh Burgos-Diaz, Coach Mike Crary, Hayden Stanley, Eddie Lewis II, Wesley Roe, Dave Mueller, Paul Maldonado

wrestling

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"In sixth grade, Grace Gozdecki and I went to sleepaway camp together and we were staying in like a dorm room and it was the middle of the night and she slaps me with a wet sports bra because she was reading this Harry Potter fanfiction and one of the characters had just died." **Emma Higgason, 11**

club reference

photos and rosters from end of first semester

Academic Super Bowl

Sponsor:
Mr. Patrick O'Neill
science teacher

Events:
Lowell Invite
Feb. 27
Lowell High School
Area Contest
April 16
State Finals
May 4

From Wisdom Ibikunle about Academic Super Bowl
"Every year in Academic Super Bowl there's a different time period and you study history, science, math, English and the arts related to those time periods."

(**front row**) Rachel Lyons, Anya Fitzpatrick, Marisa Crescent, Olivia Balbo, Cynthia Chockalingam, Joanne Hwang, Shivani Collur, Akansha Chauhan, Olivia Crescent (**second row**) Ava Quasney, Srishti Sarkar, Aaron Gorny, Mallika Keralavarma, Anushka Majety, Emily Sun, Maddi Bell, Shriya Iyer (**back row**) Sophie Hand, Lauren Morris, Carina Crisan, Saranya Sanaka, Wisdom Ibikunle, Mira Fefferman, Caroline Chael, Lilia Brunetti, David Bastos

(**front row**) Sam Fuller, Collin Garmon, Stephen Heritage, George Dimopoulos, Eli Stricker, Milena Trivunovic, Antonio Campos (**second row**) James Krieg, Adit Patel, Evan Krieg, Iris Gong, Sihyun Yeo, Jeneen Ishtawi, Nick Larson, Amanda Beaudouin (**back row**) Brett Soeka, Eli Nirenberg, Rebecca Jones, Isaiah Rosinski, Aishik Dhori, Michael Parobek, Harsha Sanaka, Emily Shu

ASL Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Hannah Fus,
ASL teacher
Officers:
President:
Ava Quasney, 11

Events:
ASL Culture
Nov. 29
Cafeteria
Craft Day
Dec. 17
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From Katelyn Sarmiento to ASL Club
"Having the deaf community and hearing community is cool to mix with each other during ASL club events."

(**front row**) Hailey Sullivan, Gabrielle Szumlas, Kara Bryant, Kaitlin Strempka, Ashley Wills, Rimsha Siddiqui, Katelyn Sarmiento, Melanie Riordan, Alyssa Winterhalter (**second row**) Erin Bryce, Emme Poulston, Jaelyn Guiton, Alisha Evans, Clara Zuniga, Alyse Lepir, Madeline Kozy (**back row**) Alyssa Meegan, Safoora Shad, Saranya Sanaka, Bailey Broelmann, Shannen Smolinski, Ava Quasney, Juliana Nelson, Kristina Pamucar, Evneki Crenshaw

(**front row**) Clara Terry, Anne Gilhooly, Olivia Lermia, Chrys Navarro, Allison Rusnak, Samantha Kall, Lillian Lemke, Cole Portone (**back row**) Joshua Zatorski, Jacob Thometz, Maria Delis, Caleb Erke, Rebecca Thompson, Gina Vellutini, Christian Portone (**not pictured**) Amissa Brayman, Lorena Campos, Ariana Casas, Mollie Clark, Alexa Flores, Erin Gonzales, Isabelle Lenasck, Haley Mize-Black, Maysa Muxlen, Natalie Ostrow, Marina Papageorge, Patricia Proctor, Nicole Roberts, Jenna Rock, Amanda Rosales

Art Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Elena Lopez,
art teacher
Officers:
President:
Rachel Lyons, 12
Co-Vice Presidents:
Matt Cortez, 11
Darrell Schreiner, 12
Secretary:
John Cronin, 11

Events:
Pumpkins Witches and Hayrides
October
Centennial Park
Face painting
September
Football field

From Rachel Lyons about Art Club
"I think having a place to express oneself is important, but I think it's way more important to find somewhere that an individual can do what they love with others, especially with art."

(**front row**) Casey Wallace, Rachel Lyons, Regan Qunell, Kaitlin Strempka, Ana Dimopoulos, Julian Rivera, Chrys Navarro, Kaylie Erlks (**second row**) Graham Mikrut, Saranya Sanaka, Sofia Pavlic, Lauren Morris, Maddie Leimbach, Nhi Nguyen, Zachary Best (**third row**) Aubrey Chelich, Grace Hoehl, Simone Gill, Mirela Jeknic, Natasha Truett, Alyssa Winterhaler, Sadie Olesh (**back row**) Mohammed Alam, Erica Garcia, Natalia Djuraskovic, Katie McComis, Matt Cortez, Marisa Crescent, John Cronin (**not pictured**) Zoe Ackermann, Miah Albritton, Marley Anderson, Christopher Canul, Catherine Elopoulos, Caleb Erke, Miguel Gamboetta, Naomi Gondarelli, Ryan Hughes, Marko Martinovic, Regan Newby, Leah Nazick, Sydney Pastor, Linda Ramirez, Darrel Schreiner, Milena Trivunovic, Jessica Tucker, Samantha Vesper, Ava Whitney, Emma Zajdkowski

(**front row**) Joseph Bellahcen, Sophia Brunetti, Sydney Hamil, Michaela Marcotte, Srishti Sarkar, Anna Babus, Ashton Rivera, Ariel Shoriak, Amanda Jonquet (**second row**) Nikolai Hoogewerf, Mo Alam, Alexis Berumen, Dori Clousing, Grace Hoehl, Meagan Venema, Ava Quasney, Sarah Sanchez (**back row**) Aidan Kunka, Francis Hovland, Logan Radwan, Andrew Wittkamp, Zachary Tucker, Andrew Burzynski, Sarah Resch, Christopher Canul (**not pictured**) Andrew Wittkamp, Mitchell Walsh, Shannon Coughlin, Arianne Sastural, Ariana Casas, Jonathan De Paul, Morgan Beringer, Ethan Black, Mark Daratter, Ryan Hughes, Madison Jonquet, Matthew Larrison, Sydney MacLean, Natalie Ostrow

Auditorium Staff

Sponsor:
Mr. Raymond Palasz
Auditorium Director
Events:
Battle of the Bands
Feb. 22
Auditorium
Hairspray
May 2-5
Auditorium
Lakeshore Community Concerts
All year

From Sarah Resch about the Auditorium Staff
"We get to experiment with really cool equipment and we operate like a professional workspace which is a great experience to have."

"Jackie Webber and I went to a rally prior to the 2018 midterms this year and we were able to meet former Vice President Joe Biden. We ended up getting to take a picture and have a short conversation with him, and it was an overall amazing experience." **Grace Gozdecki, 11**

Freshmen CEC

Sponsor: Mr. Dusan Vidovic, math teacher, and Mrs. Katie Harris, math teacher

Events:
Building Homecoming playhouse: Ratatouille
September
Designing Homecoming t-shirts
September

From Grace Roberts about CEC
"CEC is an organization dedicated to helping each grade with things like school dances and creating painted, student-built playhouses for charity."

(front row) Leira Alvarez, Peyton Collier, Emma Gossman, Evneki Crenshaw, Jaylin Turner, Jordan Garrison, Madison Jonquet, Alayna Blasko, Lauren Dolatowski **(second row)** Gia Weis, Lindsey Reda, Jada Smith, Grace Roberts, Preciosa Rivera, Vanessa Vasquez, Riley Wyrzykowski, Violet Luna **(back row)** Samantha Migliore, Faith Vegter, Paige Vukadinovich, Grace Clark, Ashley Burgess, Sydney Lash, Kathleen Curtin, Morgan Krouse, Natasha Truett, Tatianja Clark **(not pictured)** Anna Bobus, Dasia Petersen, Alexandra Pitris, Arianna Rodriguez

(front row) Brink Wolak, Jordan Duff, Claire Nowak, Emma Herring, Kayla Ziel, Sydney Skrobot, Tyler Devenny, Aubrey Chelich **(back row)** Taylor Graham, Devshree Patel, Clara Zuniga, Kylie Reed, Mia Terek, Emily Rakich, Taylor Olmstead, Jaelyn Williams **(not pictured)** Samantha Sellers, Mackenzie Stockis, Hannah Bard, Isabel Rodriguez, Leslie Gonzalez, Najah Westhagen

Sophomore CEC

Sponsor: Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher

Events:
Building Homecoming playhouse: Muppets in Paris
September
Designing Homecoming t-shirts
September

From Emma Herring about CEC
"CEC is a student run organization that helps each grade with school dance planning and the homecoming charity auction."

(front row) Max Buka, Katarina Petrovic, Maria Delis, Alyssa Valadez, Ava Sopcic, Maddie Sharp, Sophia Porter **(second row)** Elizabeth Hanas, Emily Elsha, Emily Dato, Clarissa Iwachiw, Christian Portone, Sophie Hand, Alyssa Nahnsen **(back row)** Chadwick Weston, Faith Blair, Kya Vesa, Benjamin Goldman, April Roberts, Clara Terry, Isabella Scalzo

(front row) Mehak Sidhu, Jude Ouyuon, Anya Fitzpatrick, Antonia Linnane, Layna Kounelis, Ashley Wills, Ami Shah, Rimsha Siddiqui, Milena Trivunovic **(back row)** Erin Bryce, Lilia Brunetti, Chloe Lambert, Alexis Lindenmayer, Melinda Michalski, Sean O'Rourke, Mollie Clark, Stephanie Niemiec **(not pictured)** Gardene Chael, Anna Foret, Brooke Gardner, Grace Gazdecki, Trinitee Hanson, Delaney McGinty, Olivia Newman, Patricia Proctor, Shalini Balamaraju, Lucy Torres, Lily Yolowitz, Aidan Smith

Junior CEC

Sponsor: Ms. Beth Raspopovich, math teacher, and Ms. Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher

Events:
Building Homecoming playhouse: Beauty and the Beast
September
Plan prom
April 27
Serbian Social Center

From Alyssa Nahnsen about CEC
"CEC has opportunities twofold providing decorative scenery to the Homecoming game, but more importantly raising funds for local charities through our painted houses."

What club has impacted your life the most?

"Poetry Club has allowed me to be more comfortable in public speaking and has really helped my writing prosper."
Becca Krahn, 12

"Speech and Debate because it has helped me slowly overcome stage fright and something that I might want to do when I grow up."
Lea Yeo, 9

"Choir has helped me a lot. I have a huge love for music, and having a class where I get to express that love is the best feeling."
Claudia Hernandez, 10

(front row) Audrey Stocksbury, Linda Plebanski, Aileen Martinez, Keila Hernandez, Carolina Garza, Chrys Navarro, Kaitlin Strempka, Kendyll Reeves, Corina Love, Katelyn Sarmiento **(second row)** Dylan Klos, Hailey Fortener, Leah Alicea, Elizabeth Fonseca, Rachel Lyons, Emily Kotvasz, Viviana Luna, Megan Dedelow, Zoe Short **(third row)** Alina Hillegonds, Allison Rusnak, Isabell Gonzalez, Yasmeen Sabbah, Taryn German, Maira Boyle, Jessica Tucker, Olivia Lerma, Simone Gill **(back row)** Jacob Galosich, Zachary Grunewald, Erin Gonzales, Sierra Gronkiewicz, Alyssa Winterhalter, Sydney Macek, Erin Paskewicz, Monica Fronczek, Faith Eriks **(not pictured)** Mar' Allonton, Taylor Jones, Kennedy Clark, Brisa Bolling, Tony Bolling, Jackie Webber, Alexa Flores, Madison Stempleton, Kennedy Clayton, Brielle Bradley, Hannah Hughes, Stokes, Rhea Khatra, Noelle Long, Safiah Eden, Megna Path, Laiba Khan

Senior CEC

Sponsor: Mr. Michael Coil, science teacher, and Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher

Events:
Building Homecoming playhouse: French Café
September
Designing Homecoming t-shirts
September

From Megan Dedelow about Senior CEC
"CEC is a great way for me to get involved and it gives members the ability to change and influence ideas."

"Mimi (Brady) and I always shake hands when we greet each other so last year every single day in APUSH we would shake hands before class and face the stares of others." **Jackie Webber, 12**

club reference

Chorale

Sponsor:
Mr. Andrew Robinson, choir director

Officers:
Section leaders:
Soprano:
Anu Arora, 12
Alto:
Christina Burzynski, 12
Tenor:
Ben Peters, 12
Bass:
Joey McCraw, 12

Events:
Winter Concert
Dec. 10
Auditorium
Carnegie Hall Performance
April 27
Carnegie Hall, New York

(front row) Claire Powell, Kelly Collins, Lilly Theriault, Lenore Moreno, Ariel Velasco, Mandy Jonquet, Jorianna Hazel (second row) Max Barath, Dori Clousing, Maya Radjenovich, Jamie DeJoan, Kelli Little, Alicia Chudziak (back row) Jack Sullivan, Noel Fary, Jack Stork, James Shelton, Christina Burzynski, Caroline Chael, Luke Barath

(front row) Keith Martin, David Dafiaghor, Hunter Hamer, Anu Arora, Lauren Slavo, Halley Fortener (second row) Hannah Zukley, Patricia Castro, Mitch Walsh, Ben Hand, Cris Aguilar, Ben Mellon (back row) James Sroge, Tim Giannini, Joey McCraw, Michael Dywan, Cali Grzybowski, Zack Grabelle (not pictured) Sara Arndt, Ethan Buck, Shannon Coughlin, Ben Peters, Lydia Smith, Anna Stierkhard, Abby Watts

Best Buddies

Sponsor:
Mr. Brent Barton, math teacher, and Mrs. Crystal Blanton, math teacher

Officers:
President:
Serena Marsh, 11
Vice President:
Isabel Alvarez, 11
Public Relations:
Lilly Lemke, 11
Co-walk directors:
Lilly Lemke, 11
Jonah Clark, 12
Secretary:
Maddie Kozy, 11

Events:
Snow Party
Dec. 14
Resource room
Best Buddies Walk
May 11
Wicker Park
Best Buddies Bowl
Feb. 1
The Fieldhouse

(front row) Hannah Gossman, Lilly Lemke, Camille Renwald, Ariana DeHoyos, Katelyn Sarmiento, Megan Angotti, Ami Shah, Emma Gossman, Aniya Fitzpatrick, Alyssa Valadez (second row) Katie Martin, Kya Vesa, Jason Donovan, Tyler Groen, Rimsha Siddiqui, Gillian Archer, Serena Alvarez, Keira Hawk (third row) Mrs. Crystal Blanton, Summer Gill, Simone Gill, Daija Williams, Maddie Kozy, Mollie Clark, Chloe Lambert, Caitlyn Klos (fourth row) Mr. Brent Barton, James Adams, Phillip Lemke, Matthew Certa, Ethan Orange, Alex Lesinski, Jonah Clark, Clara Terry, Michael Chamberlain, Amber Payne, Nicholas Colgaro (not pictured) Anthony Montello, Audrey Rivera, Cortney Tubbs, David Pyrzalek, Douglas Curski, Ellie Brennan, Emma Grossman, Hailey Thill, Serena Alvarez, Holly Mize-Block, Kayla Gruber, Kaydauren Gruber, Madison Meyer, Mehak Sidhu, Molly Marion, Morgan Kaztragys, Natalie Ostrow, Nicholas Curski, Sophia Becker Toro

Civics Club

Sponsor:
Mr. Don Fortner and Ms. Kristen Szafasz, social studies teachers

Officers:
President:
Jackie Webber, 12
Vice President:
George Dimopoulos, 11
Secretary:
Max Buka, 11
Executive Board:
Michael Svolos, 11
Grace Gozdecki, 11
Mimi Brody, 12

Events:
Toy Drive
December
Design Sweatshirts
September
Political Compass Test
November

(front row) Mehak Sidhu, Ami Shah, Cynthia Chockalingam, Kristina Sosic, Priyana Reddy, Emma Stricker, Emma Herring, Kaitlin Strempka, Grace Gozdecki (second row) Nick Petrick, Kayla Prowell, Lily Yalowitz, Maria Delis, Max Buka, Katarina Petrovic, Jackie Webber, Shriya Iyer (third row) Andrew Manous, Kathir Venkat, Shreyas Iyer, George Dimopoulos, Aidan Chism, Jack Stork, Alyssa Winterhalter, Jordan Duff, Michael Svolos (back row) Cole Portone, Will Hoop, Benjamin Goldman, Max Ladd, Joey Marcus, Hazel Wolf, Annie Foreit, Abbey Ruckert, Christian Portone (not pictured) Brendan Bleza, Amanda Beaudouin, Mimi Brody, Tyler Deverny, Alexis Flores, Mia Guerrero, Emma Higgason, Layna Kounelis, Melissa Martyla, Delaney McGinty, Olivia Newman, Stephanie Niemiec, Eli Nirenberg, Kailyn Ogonowich, Devshree Patel, Megha Patil, Sophia Porter, Patricia Proctor, Surajpal Singh, Laura Wolf, Asimoe Zefiraou

"The first time I ever talked to Brendan (Bleza) was on the bus and he was really sad so I gave him a bunch of music recommendations to make him less sad. He was listening to music, so I put one headphone in my ear and it was death metal screamo, and from that moment I knew that me and Brendan would be best friends." **Mimi Brody, 12**

What club would you recommend to join and why?

"If I would join a club, it would have to either be a photography club or yearbook club because I'm really into it. I enjoy taking pictures and being surrounded by people with that intent."
Genevieve Mrvan, 10

"Speech, because it's really fun and you can meet a lot of people on the way along. It's a great scholarship oppurtunity. It also lessens nervousness while speaking in front of people."
Trinitee Hassan, 11

"Art Club, because I'm not in it, but if I had time, it would be nice to be able to express yourself."
Moira Glowacki, 12

"I would suggest Poetry Club because it's a place to be creative and to share your writing and your ideas and thoughts in a free open environment."
Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher

"Debate, because it gives you proper argumentative skills and gives you insight about the world that may affect your life later on."
George Dimopoulos, 11

(**front row**) Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Alexandra Vjestica, Alina Arzumanian, Sophia Porter, Emme Poulston, Brink Wolak, Mollie Clark, Ami Shah, Emma Stricker (**second row**) Ava Quasney, Bailee DeJarlais, Keira Hawk, Shivani Collur, Alison Lee, Mallika Keralavarma, Anushka Majety, Mikayla Collins (**third row**) Grace Gozdecki, Megan Dedelow, Madison Lakomek, Sam Barraza, Annie Foreit, Cynthia Chockalingam, Nicole Choros, Priyana Reddy, Carina Crisan (**back row**) Emma Herring, Salma Prince, Eleanor Wilson, Isabelle Bednarowski, Madeline Foreit, Nicole Tsoukalas, Vanessa Koultourides, Alaina Lany

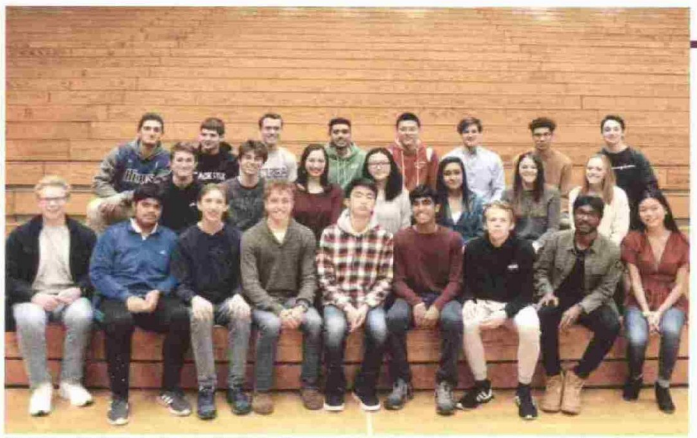
(**front row**) Ava Jureczko, Ari Arzumanian, Nana Nnuro-Frimpong, Ethan Orange, Ameer Igue, Eric Horvath, Richard Ma, Surajpal Singh, Deven Burse (**second row**) Zach Lenaburg, Jacob Thometz, Louie Wolf, Jonathan Bryson-Harvey, Noah Poole, Noah Hensley, Max Ladd, Joey Marcus (**third row**) Shreyas Iyer, Joseph Webster, Kathir Venkat, Max Buka, Ethan Lieser, Olivia Newman, Evan Lieser, Kyle Kaufmann, Michael Svalos (**back row**) Hailey Thill, Luke Dragicevich, Cade Howard, Zachary Grunewald, Max Paredes, Chyan Rangel, Nicholas Peirick, George Dimopoulos

DECA

Sponsor:
Mr. Dave Kaplan, and Daniel Kime, Volunteer coaches

Officers:
President:
Sam Barraza, 12
Vice President:
Shreyas Iyer, 12
Communications Director:
Jackie Webber, 12
Secretary:
Kathir Venkat, 11

(**front row**) Rimsha Siddiqui, Jude Ouyuon, Ananya Sharma, Maureen Van Matre, Shriya Iyer, Jackie Webber, Maya Kenny, Srishti Sarkar, Alansha Chauhan (**second row**) Taylor Olmstead, Kylie Reed, Sydney Skrabot, Sophia Farias, Annie Aboiye, Wisdom Ibikunle, Moira Boyle, Leah Alicia (**third row**) Nikolaos Zaramidis, Thomas Choros, Ubin Kim, Tyler Devenny, Raymond Li, Kennedy Clark, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Iris Gong, Harpe Swope (**back row**) Olivia Choros, Madilyn Griegel, Isabella Scalzo, Brooke Gardiner, Aria Gaither, Clara Terry, Christian Portonie, Skylar Van Ermen



(**front row**) Adam Daniels, Aishik Dhar, Sammy Fuller, Matt Nahnsen, Joshua Kim, Nick Dorai, Michael Biel, Kevin Chinnam, Nicole Lu (**second row**) Will Hoop, Adam Klaich, Ashley Nita, Emily Shu, Rhea Khatra, Sierra Gronkiewicz, Faith Eriks (**back row**) Costa Sirounis, Ronan Meyer, William McCornis, Jasvir Singh, Fenry Zhou, Grant Afman, Kaleb Sepanski, Cole Portone

DECA

Events:
Districts
Jan. 12
Hobart High School
State
March 4
Indianapolis
Internationals
April
Orlando, Florida

From Samantha Barraza about DECA
"DECA is a club where you to showcase your skills in a really fun way."

(**front row**) Vanessa Situ, Arianna Pina, Claire Powell, Caleb Erke, Mindy Eickleberry, Jada Smith (**second row**) Isabel Rodriguez, Arianne Sadural, Abbey Gorny, Prisilla Ortiz, Jenai Panora, Jordan Garrison, Katie Bobb (**back row**) Priscilla Gallardo, Deyanira Meraz, Georgiana Manojlovic, Elise Fedrick, Chynna Vaughn, Anna Carillo, Maria Barron (**not pictured**) Kammy Moore, Alyssa Lesiak, Marisol Herrera

Color Guard

Sponsor:
Ms. Stepanie Peterson, French teacher

Officers:
Captain:
Monica Herrera, 12

Events:
State
Nov. 3
Lucas Oil Stadium
Moonlight March
Oct. 21
Football field

From Arianna Pina about Color Guard
"Color Guard is way to express a story of love, sadness, passion, anger and beauty through music and dance."

"I first met Nick Yio my junior year, and I was like 'Hey this guy dresses pretty nice, he seems pretty cool' and we talked a little bit." **Brendan Bleza, 12**

club reference

(front row) Finn Manion, Grace Hoehl, Riley Boudreau, Srija Thipirneni, Lana Salahieh, Amanda Beaudouin, Chynna Vaughn, Hannah Salamanca, Danna Safi **(second row)** Aishik Dhari, Emma Phillips, Caroline Chael, Sophie Hand, Lauren Morris, Nikolai Hoogewerf, Lydia Smith, Jessica Tucker, Lilla Brunetti, Tatianja Clark, Sammy Fuller **(back row)** Taylor Graham, Emily Shu, Luke Aune, Mark Caraher, Melissa Mardyla, Nicole Choros, Samantha Migliore, Hope Meierkort, Stephanie Niemiec, Emily Banaszek **(not pictured)** Sara Amat, Nicole Bielstek, Brandon Burgess, Natalie Corome-Espina, Olivia Crescent, Lila Dorn, Mira Fetterman, James Ferguski, Joanne Hasbig, Ameer Igue, Mirela Jekric

(front row) Rebecca Franco, Moira Glowacki, Anya Fitzpatrick, Kara Bryant, Cynthia Vazquez, Jaclyn Bevil, Emily Guerrero, Abigail Burris **(second row)** Diana Ayala, Ariel Velasco, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, Rachel Lyons, Leah Patterson, Maya Queroz, Casey Wallace **(back row)** Jenai Panora, Paris Marshall, Serena Alvarez, Emily Sun, Lauren Phelps, Carsyn Sobczak, Sophia Brunetti, Vanessa Vasquez **(not pictured)** Chloe Lambert, Ava Lukaszek, Molly Manion, Josephine Mittelberger, Bayan Mujeh, Regan Newby, Claire Powell, Kayla Prowell, Arianne Sadural, Darell Schreiner, Aidan Smith, Anna Spetsinard, James Stage, Kaitlin Stremlau, Emma Strickel, Makaila Vinson, Alyssa Wittenauer, Emma Zajakowski, Rayhan Zaman

French Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Stephanie Peterson, French teacher

Officers:
President:
Caroline Chael, 11
Co-President:
Lilla Brunetti, 11
Secretaries:
Taylor Graham, 10
Stephanie Niemiec, 11

Events:
First meeting
S123
Christmas meeting
Dec. 12
S123

If you could start a club, what would it be and why?

"I would start a cheese carving club because everyone needs to develop their skills so that they can prepare their own party trays."
Linda Riley, 10

"I would revive the astronomy club because space is cool."
Katie Bobb, 12

"I would start a movie club where we go out and see new movies out in theater."
Simona Terek, 9

"I would make a music production club because of the rise in people making music outside of band class and choir."
Mateo Bedolla, 9

"A Jewish cultural club. I think that it would be a good opportunity for people to learn about the Jewish culture."
Emma Stricker, 11

"The Napping in School Club to get naps in for being tired."
Anthony Anglin, 10

(front row) Lana Salahieh, Lilla Brunetti, Alexis Lindenmayer, Carey Scott, Alyssa Bass **(second row)** Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Nadia Perdue, Megan Szymanski, Lauren Kozy, Mimi Brody, Elizabeth Fonseca **(back row)** Charles Hofferth, Adam Klaich, Mercedez Williams, Melanie Powers, Kameryn Moore

Crier

Sponsor:
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications director

Officers:
Editor in Chief:
Mimi Brody, 12
Head Photographer
Elizabeth Fonseca, 12
Copy Editor
Alyssa Bass, 11
Managing Editor
Carey Scott, 12

Events:
National Convention
Nov. 1-4
Chicago
Publish 12 issues
N155 and distribute at lunch on Fridays

(front row) Sean O'Rourke, Carey Scott, Chloe Lambert, Elizabeth Fonseca, Mia Terek, Vanessa Situ **(back row)** Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Demetrios Fotopoulos, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Jack Stork, Sydney Pastor, Kammy Moore, Chynna Vaughn

Paragon

Sponsor:
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications director

Officers:
Editor-in-Chief:
Kammy Moore, 12
Design Editor:
Sydney Pastor, 12
Head Photographer
Elizabeth Fonseca, 12

Events:
National Convention
Nov. 1-4
Chicago
Club photo day
Dec. 7
The Fieldhouse
Distribution
May 16
The Commons

"Declan (Urbaniak) would watch Adventure Time during lunch and later on we watched the hot wheels movies." **Nick Ylo, 12**

Link Crew

Sponsor:
Mr. Morgan Nolan, Assistant Principal

Event:
Freshman orientation
Aug. 9
Through all the rooms of school

(front row) Priyana Reddy, Kara Bryant, Alaina Lany, Grace Gozdecki, Chrys Navarro, Annie Forelt, Alyssa Strege, Carolina Garza, Joseph Bellahcen (second row) Alina Hillegonds, Mia Tumacder, Mollie Clark, Meli Chioros, Aileen Martinez, Kendyll Reeves, Zoe Short, Rachel Lyons (third row) Sophie Hand, Trevor Maul, Vanessa Koultourides, Eli Stricker, Garrett Tienstra, Alyssa Meegan, James Shelton, Eric Juarez, Catie Gilhooly (back row) Amanda Beaudouin, Anu Arora, Mikayla Collins, Megan Dedelow, Alina Arzumanian, Cameron Adams, Lilia Brunetti, Diana Ayala

(front row) Audrey Stooksbury, Faith Eriks, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, Jennifer Lockhart, Emily Zabrecky, Abbey Ruckert, Hazel Wolf, Mirela Jeknic, Alyssa Nahnsen (second row) Samantha Barraza, Madison Stapleton, Erin Gonzales, Karolina Sroka, Sierra Gronkiewicz, Ella McComis, Tony Bohling, Erin Paskewicz (back row) Joshua Noisette, Matt Nahnsen, Collin Garmon, Summer Witvoet, Zachary Grunewald, April Roberts, Lilly Lemke, Clara Terry, Caroline Chael

GSA

Sponsor:
Ms. Peggy Matanic, English and theater teacher

Officers:
President: Lily Leslie, 12
Vice President: Darrell Schreiner, 12
Secretary: Lilia Brunetti, 11
Historian: Jessica Tucker, 12

(front row) Catherine Ornelas, Saranya Sanaka, Carla Candeleria, Emily Guerrero, Jasmyn Eckhoff (second row) Lily Leslie, Caleb Erke, Alexis Berumen, Jessica Tucker, Chynna Vaughn, Lilia Brunetti (not pictured) Darrell Schreiner, Mikayla Swanson, Arianne Salazar, Evan Krieg, Elizabeth Pritogle, Avarie Fokes, Roman Thompson

(front row) Ali Soto, Kosta Fotopoulos, Luke Forszt, Frank Wolf, Nicholas Peirick, Jill Cuvala, Max Paredes, Kathir Venkat (back row) Costa Sirounis, Matt Tripenfeldas,Tyler Zabrecky, James Sroge, Cole Lesinski, Ronav Panigrahi, William McComis, Adam Daniels (not pictured) Sara Arndt, Nick Ciesiak, Jonah Clark, Du Hoskb, Simone Gill, Tarah Gen, Emma Heggason, Ella McComis, Delaney McGinty, Ben Peters, Savanah Sharpe, Darrell Schreiner, Skylar Van Emen, Abigail Watts, Adam Wisniewski, Tyler Zabrecky, Sage Sweeney

Link Crew

From Faith Eriks about Link Crew
"Link Crew is upperclassmen helping underclassmen the best they can."

Creative Writing

Sponsor:
Mrs. Elena Lopez, art teacher

Officers:
President: Elizabeth Fonseca, 12
Vice President: Darrell Schreiner, 12
Harsharian: Harshavardhan Sanaka, 12

Events:
NaNoWriMo: November
Everywhere Meetings: Every Tuesday S104

(front row) Chrys Navarro, Casey Wallace, Elizabeth Fonseca, Leira Alvarez, Simone Gill, Sofia Pavlic (back row) Nicholas Larson, Srija Thipirneni, Saranya Sanaka, Caleb Erke, Nicolas Calderon, Harshavardhan Sanaka, Blake Newton (not pictured) Celina Archer, Babe Hoekstra, Olivia Crescent, Ryan Hughes, Evan Krieg, Justin Lee, Lily Leslie, Michael Pompek, Claire Powell, Hamzah Rafiq, Darrell Schreiner, SHyuh Yeo, Noelle Long

If you could start a club, what would it be and why?

"I would make a club about the TV show 'The Office' because I like the show a lot and so do a lot of other people."
Mercedes Maldonado, 12

"I would start a club that helps minorities when they first come to school. It would help them get around the school and communicate with their peers."
Nicole Baginski, 11

"I would create a frisbee club just so I could learn how to play frisbee."
Kaitlyn Munoz, 10

"This one time, me and Ethan (Stewart) were making sandwiches at Centennial Park, and were on top of the hill and he takes his sandwich and he whips it off the side of the hill because he was so angry and it was just so funny." Declan Urbaniak, 12

club reference

If you could be a sponsor for a club, what would it be and why?

"I would start a cheese carving club because everyone needs to develop their skills so that they can prepare their own party trays."
Linda Riley, 10

"I would create a club that deals with food tasting, specifically sweets so that everyone could eat sweets and candy all day long."
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher

"A 128 man Greek phalanx. It is a military formation that asserts dominance."
Niko Lekic, 10

"A conspiracy theory club. I feel like conspiracy theories are talked about a lot in media but they are not really talked about in school settings and I disagree with that."
Mikaila Swanson, 12

"I say it would be Ultra Athletes. It would be a club for athletes who want to train at an extremely high level for all sports."
Mr. Leroy Marsh, health teacher

"I would sponsor Speech and Debate because it teaches kids important teaching skills and also because it requires a lot of money to go to competitions to make us better."
Emma Powell, 10

"I would sponsor the GSA club because nowadays more people are being open about their sexualities and being more openminded about it and I think there are still people out there that are not so open-minded."
Olivia Quinones, 10

"Probably Spanish Club because, well, first of all, the good food and it's good for educational purposes."
Sarah Halun, 9

Marching Band

Sponsor:
Mr. Bret Winternheimer, Band Director and Ms. Brenna Glazzon, Band Assistant Director

Officers:
Drum majors:
Emma Stevens, 12
Catie Gilhooly, 12
Zoe O'Shaughnessy, 11

(front row) Garrett Tienstra, Parker Olsen, Liam Boyle, Jonathan Gallegos, Mara Trivunovic, Bradley Jimenez Medina, Nicholas Yio, Brook Maul **(second row)** Daniel Tabaczynski, Michael Van Deursen, Emilio Rosales, Gavin Clark, David Gonzalez, Iris Gong, Amber Payne, Emily Shu, Chris Mathew **(third row)** Leah Nozick, Jeffrey Ballard, Javaughn Richards, Michael Parobek, Nicolas Calderon, Hector Gomez, John Banaszak, Henry Sklar **(back row)** Gabriel McKnight, Joseph McCraw, Peter Gallagher, Oliver Segvich, Jacob Whitaker, Kortlynd Lukowski-Foss, Mihail Babus, Ilija Manojlovic, Blake Newton

Marching Band

Events:
State Finals
Nov. 3
Lucas Oil Stadium
Moonlight March
Oct. 21
Football field
Semi-State Pizza
Oct.
Pizza Hut in Lafayette, Indiana

(front row) Arianne Sadural, Alyssa Valadez, Krysten Caradine, Jaylin Turner, Gabriela Nieves, Miguel Gambetta, Ryan Muntean, Jaclyn Bevil, Cynthia Vazquez, Alexandria Barath **(back row)** Eviana Rubio, Katelyn Calderon, Kara Bryant, Anastasia Kapustina, Alejandra Salas, Srija Thipirneni, Milena Trivunovic, Nicole Lu, Nova Dillon, Mateo Bedolla

Marching Band

From Cynthia Vazquez about Marching Band
"There's not enough words... It's a fun activity where I can hang out with friends and do something that I really love."

(front row) Lauren Morris, Christopher Perez, Antonio Cantu, Aaron Perez, Aleksandar Ilijevski, Henry Hofferth, Lana Salaheh **(second row)** Rachel Dawson, Georgiana Manojlovic, Serena Alvarez, Evan Pruzin, Molly Manion, Catherine Gilhooly, Melinda Michalski **(third row)** Finn Manion, Anne Gilhooly, Erin Crawford, Myanne Zachary, Shane Hoogewerf, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, Korey Allen **(back row)** Madison Bevil, Emma Stevens, Ashlynn Booker, Lauren Blocher, Keegan Garang, Andrew Witten, David Cohen **(not pictured)** Emilio Cantu, Natalia Coronel, Kamden Gorang, Quinn Hassel, Khusi Jhaveri, Daniel Nozick, Lauren Ruiz, Gabriel Tienstra, Joseph Wedgeworth, Robert Young

Jazz Band

Sponsor:
Brenna Glazzon, Band Assistant Director

Events:
District Jazz Contest
Mar. 2
Portage High School
Jazz Concert
Feb. 28
Auditorium
Spring Concert
May 13
Auditorium

(front row) Emilio Rosales, Bradley Jimenez Medina, Antonio Cantu, Gabby Nieves, Ryan Muntean, Shane Hoogewerf **(second row)** Chris Perez, Serena Alvarez, Rachel Dawson, Henry Hofferth, Erin Crawford, Emma Stevens **(third row)** David Cohen, Madison Bevil, Brook Maul, Caleb Erke, Daniel Tabaczynski, Jonathan Gallegos, Michael Van Deursen **(back row)** Chris Mathew, Michael Parobek, Hector Gomez, Henry Sklar, Mihail Babus, Peter Gallagher, Kamden Gorang **(not pictured)** Emilio Cantu, Natalia Coronel, Khusi Jhaveri, Finn Manion, Blake Newton, Robert Young

"I was with my friend Jay (Korman) at Centennial. We were talking about Jimi Hendricks. This old guy walked by and was like 'Are you guys talking about Jimi Hendricks?' and we were like 'Yeah?' and he was like 'I know the truth about Jimi Hendricks. He had the power to move vibrations and he knew how to control the music waves and that's how he could do what he does.' Then he was like 'You guys know about Jesus? I'm not about to get religious, but Jesus could do that too.' He wanted to prove to us that Jimi Hendricks was the same as Jesus, and we recorded the whole thing." **Ethan Stewart, 12**

MTC

Sponsor:
Mr. Raymond Palasz, Auditorium director

Officers:
President: Joe Bellahcen, 12
Vice Presidents: Kelly Collins, 12 Michaela Marcotte, 12
Stage Manager: Mandy Jonquet, 11
Master Electrician: Nikolai Hoogewerf, 11
PR Manager: Christina Burzynski, 12
Treasurer: Mitchell Walsh, 11

Events:
A Most Curious Phenomenon Oct 4-7
One Acts: The Refugee Woman and I Have Never Saw Another Butterfly Nov 1-3 and Jan 11
Improv Nights Jan 24-25
Hairspray May 2-5

(front row) Irene Tsakopoulos, Sydney Hamill, Kelly Collins, Diana Ayala, Ariel Velasco, Ariel Shoriak, Amanda Jonquet, Abbey Gorny, Joseph Bellahcen **(second row)** Natasha Tryett, Elise Fedrick, Maria Ramos, Zoe Short, Sarah Sanchez, Michaela Marcotte, Srishti Sarkar, Maya Queraz **(back row)** Amanda Beaudouin, Emma Powell, Myanne Zachary, Maya Radjenovich, Aubrey Rivera, Jamie Dejoan, Kelli Little, Meagan Venema, Andrew Gajewski

(front row) Alexis Berumen, Mohammed Alam, Anna Speckhard, James Shelton, Christina Burzynski, Dori Clousing, Ava Quasney, Gillian Archer, Sophia Brunetti **(second row)** Jack Stark, Sarah Resch, Andrew Burzynski, Nikolai Hoogewerf, Christopher Canul, Grace Hoehl, Camryn Hayes, Carina Crisan **(back row)** Joseph McCraw, Michael McDunn, Francis Haviland, Logan Radwan, Adam Mohrs, Andrew Wittkamp, Cali Grzybowski, Ashley Nita, Samantha Migliore **(not pictured)** Sara Arndt, Bradley Bieniek, Mark Corsaher, Ariana Cuoco, Shaneiah Coughlin, Robyn DeJoan, Noel Figy, Savannah Frazier, Ryan Hughes, Armeh Kuriqi, Matthew Lomison, Ben Mellon, Nadia Peraute, Taylor Perez, Ben Peters, Claire Powell, Lydia Smith, James Sroge, John Sullivan, Ciara Terry, Zachary Tucker, Marisa Walsh, Mitchell Walsh, Abigail Watts

NHS

Sponsor:
Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher

Events:
Breakfast with Santa Dec. 1
WWMS Cafeteria Induction Ceremony April
Auditorium Tutoring After school and weekends
Panera, Starbucks, library, etc.

(front row) Kara Bryant, Ella McComis, Madison Lakomek, Brisa Bohling, Joseph Bellahcen, Abigail Burris, Viviana Gonzales, Alyssa Strege, Carolina Garza **(second row)** Nicoletta Tsoukalas, Alina Arzumanian, Madeline Foreit, Alexis Flores, Asmae Zehraoui, Alaina Lary, Michaela Marcotte, Elizabeth Fonseca **(third row)** Taryn German, Hailey Fortener, Anukriti Arora, Nicole Biestek, Jill Cuvala, Alexandra Vjestica, Priyana Reddy, Mikayla Collins, Vanessa Koultourides **(back row)** Wisdom Ibikunle, Rachel Lyons, Megan Dedelow, Megha Patil, Karalina Sroka, Nicole Choros, Kennedy Clark, Anuoluwapo Abioye

(front row) Samantha Barraza, Eli Stricker, Isabell Gonzalez, Monica Franczek, Catherine Gilhooly, Samantha Kall, Allison Rusnak, Olivia Lerma, Viviana Luna **(second row)** Emma Stevens, Madison Steapleton, Erin Gonzales, Maya Radjenovich, Moira Boyle, Griffin Broviak, Maverick Broviak, Justin Lee **(back row)** Javaughn Richards, Jonah Clark, Rhea Khatra, Faith Eriks, Erin Paskewicz, Audrey Stooksbury, Jaclyn Webber, Jessica Tucker, Christina Burzynski

NHS

From Audrey Stooksbury about NHS
"In NHS we tutor other kids and volunteer with organizations and try to earn our 30 hours the best we can."

(front row) Austin Lynn, Evan Krieg, Cali Grzybowski, Nicholas Larson, James Ashcraft, Nicholas Pejrick, Adam Wisniewski, Lauren Kozy **(second row)** Luke Forszt, Eric Jerge, Frank Wolf, Shreyas Iyer, William McComis, Matthew Nahnsen, Eli Nirenberg **(back row)** James Sroge, Nicholas Fies, Scott Farmer, Matthew Tripenfeldas, Zachary Schmidt, Jasvir Singh, Tyler Zabrecky **(not pictured)** Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Sara Arndt, Mimi Brady, Emilee Eggebrecht, Kay Finley, Jennifer Lockhart, Gabriel Marquez, Melissa Mardyla, Kammy Moore, Sydney Pastor, Ben Peters, Kayla Powell, Darrell Schreiner, Savanah Sharpe, Adelyah Shine, Sage Sweeney, Lindsy Vanek, Abigail Watts, Nicholas Yio

If you could be a sponsor for a club, what would it be and why?

"I would sponsor Theatre because acting and being backstage can really help others find their passion and gain confidence in who they are and what they want to do."
Lea Yeo, 9

"I would sponsor Link Crew because I love the fact that we have upperclassmen to help incoming students adjust to high school"
Evneki Crenshaw, 9

"So we were all at Stewart Park, in Munster and Austin Lynn climbed to the very top of this very tall jungle gym, and he scared me. He grabbed my leg. And I screamed." **Jay Korman, 12**

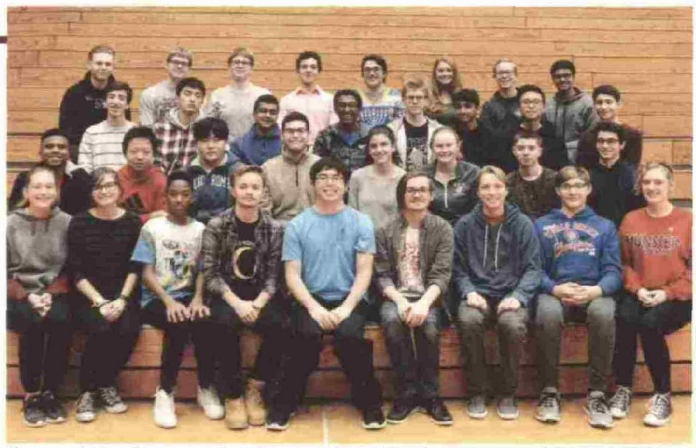
club reference

Orchestra

Sponsor:
Mrs. Bridget Speranza, Orchestra Director

Officers:
Orchestra Council

Events:
ISSMA
MHS Auditorium
Jan. 26
Winter Concert
MHS Auditorium
Dec. 12
Spring Concert
MHS Auditorium
April 11



(front row) Mara Trivunovic, Milena Trivunovic, Korey Allen, Shane Hoogewerf, David Cohen, Nikolai Hoogewerf, Caleb Erke, Andrew Burzynski, Lydia Smith (second row) Amir Henderson, Cody Zhang, Isaiah Kim, Christopher Olivieri, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Nicole Sullivan, Keegan Poulsen, Jacob Katz (third row) Fotios Collaros, Josh Kim, Shreyas Iyer, Kathir Venkat, Griffin Poulsen, Chris Mathew, Ethan Park, Victor Vatchev (back row) Lucas Dalla Costa, Richard Kicho, Joseph Kicho, Mihail Babus, Henry Sklar, Becky Jones, Ben Dodge, Rajiv Kalluri

(front row) Gianna Hough, Cynthia Chockalingam, Akansha Chauhan, Sarah Haiun, Brianna Pazdur, Prisilla Ortiz, Shivani Collur, Arianne Sadural, Taylor Perez (second row) Nicole Jen, Leah Alicea, Grace Gozdecki, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Carsyn Sobczak, Emily Kotvasz, Maya Queroz, Charles Iverson (third row) Maya Kenny, Mollie Clark, Ananya Sharma, Shriya Iyer, Hannah Bard, Vanessa Vasquez, Mia Tumacder, Maria Blaesing, Casey Wallace (back row) Carina Crison, Grace Hoehl, Ava Quasney, Laila Mosley, Sophie Hand, Mallika Keralavarma, Anushka Majety, Sana Khan (not pictured) Mikyla Farmer, Ryan Kuechenberg, Ben Blaesing, Michaela Blanford, Peter Hwang, Naomi Laos, Cori Stelnik

Orchestra Council

Sponsor:
Mrs. Bridget Speranza, Orchestra Director

Officers:
President:
Josh Kim, 12
Librarian:
Nikolai Hoogewerf, 11
Treasurer:
Cynthia Chockalingam, 10

(front row) Leah Alicea, Anushka Majety, Shriya Iyer, Cynthia Chockalingam, Carsyn Sobczak (back row) Becky Jones, Josh Kim, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Sophie Hand, Nikolai Hoogewerf, Shreyas Iyer (not pictured) Naomi Laos

Poetry Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher

Officers:
Co-Presidents:
Chrys Navarro, 12
Chynna Vaughn, 12
Vice President:
Lily Leslie, 12
Secretary:
Claire Powell, 11
Treasurers:
Alexia Ceja, 12
Mirela Jeknic, 11

Events:
SIP n' Slam
Sip Coffee House in Highland
April

(front row) Tatianja Clark, Atarah Israel, Chrys Navarro, Emily Guerrero, Ava Lukacsek, Leah Patterson, Ally Barath, Claire Powell (second row) Marley Anderson, Viviana Luna, Serena Alvarez, Srija Thipirneni, Lana Salahieh, Saranya Sanaka, Milena Trivunovic, Catie Gilhooly (back row) Roman Thompson, Mirela Jeknic, Caleb Erke, Hidaya Musleh, Chris Canul, Chynna Vaughn, Ava Whitney, Lily Leslie (not pictured) Carolina Arroyo, Colman Berg, David Bobeck, Morgan Bettiger, Jamie DeJean, Shane Hoogewerf, Laila Khan, Becca Kinzler, Nick Larson, Mateo Bedolla, Leah Nozick, Mary Anne O'Brien, Grace Rau, Arianne Sadural, Juan Salgado, Darrell Schreiber, Ella Ugalde, Vanessa Vasquez, Adamari Yepez

Ping Pong Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs, Spanish Teacher

Officers:
President:
George Dimopoulos, 11

Events:
Free Play
The commons
3-4:30 p.m.
Tournament
The Commons
Jan. 25

(front row) Evan Ringer, Ryan Muntean, Jack Gauderman, Anay Gandhi, Julia Hoop, Marisa Crescent, Miguel Gambetta, Ana Dimopoulos, Olivia Crescent (second row) Joe Adams, Niko Zaramitidis, George Dimopoulos, Zachary Best, Erica Garcia, Alexis Berumen, Catherine Ornelas (back row) Aishik Dhar, Aaron Gorny, Mark Caraher, Graham Mikrut, Juan Salgado, Benjamin Goldman, Joseph Nowak (not pictured) Daniel Cornejo, Donovan Jones, Timothy Mutz, Christopher Canul, Drew Westland, Simone Terek, Jimmy Kotter, Armon Kumar, Ron Panagiotis, Sammy Fuller, Stephany Camacho, Ulrena Campos, Jaquon Holliday, Shruti Bita, Vanessa Vasquez, Lauren Phelps, Rayhan Zaman, Gillian Archer, Ben Grido, David Bobesic

SADD

Sponsor:
Mrs. Jessica Baird, math teacher

Officers:
President:
Rachel Lyons, 12
Vice President:
Noelle Long, 12
Club reporters:
Christian Portone, 11
Rimsha Siddiqui, 11

Events:
Prepare for a safe Prom weekend
March 18
Prepare for Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 15

(front row) Rachel Lyons, Mercedes Maldonado, Cynthia Chockalingam, Srishti Sarkar, Layna Kounelis, Noelle Long, Ami Shah, Corina Love, Viviana Luna (second row) Taylor Jones, Leah Alicea, Sofia Pavlic, Allison Rusnak, Rimsha Siddiqui, Mehak Sidhu, Mia Terek, Olivia Lerma, Alina Hillegonds (back row) Dylan Klos, Benjamin Goldman, Jaelyn Williams, Monica Fronczek, Yasmeen Sabbah, Jaclyn Webber, Stephanie Niemiec, Daija Williams, Diana Saganeanu, Tyler Zabrecky

"We went back to Michaela Marcotte's house after going to the park because it was late. We had a bonfire and stuff after a really long night, and we just ended up running around her huge yard and it was so dark and it was just one of the best nights of my life, honestly." **Austin Lynn, 12**

Project X

Sponsor:
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher

Officers:
President: Megan Dedelow, 12
Vice President: Emma Higgason, 11
Executive council: Annie Foreit, 11
Maddy Foreit, 12
Ashley Nita, 10
April Roberts, 11
Hazel Wolf, 11

(front row) Shriya Iyer, Ami Shah, Rachel Lyons, Avery Pratt, Annie Foreit, Kaitlin Strempka, Monica Herrera, Emma Stricker, Ana Dimopoulos (second row) Taylor Olmstead, Kylie Reed, Eli Stricker, Amelia Chism, Violet Luna, Max Buka, Sophia Porter, Leslie Gonzalez (third row) Susan Rabie, Grace Roberts, Kate Krawczyk, Atarah Israel, Sophie Hand, Anushka Majety, Ashley Wills, Mia Terek, Ugai-Abasi Edet (back row) Krishna Lakshmanamurthy, Cole Lesinski, Eli Nirenberg, Lilly Leslie, Ashley Nita, Nicholas Larson, Ethan Gill, Benjamin Goldman

Which celebrity would you pick to sponsor your favorite club?

"Jonathan Toews because he would attract more people to the club cause he's rich and cute."
Emily Eisha, 11

"Frank Ocean because he could sneeze and I'd listen to the recording on loop for three years before he decides to record another sneeze."
Ben Foreit, 12

"Michael Phelps because he is a great mentor."
Santiago Rivera Avila, 9

"For band, 6ix9ine because I miss him and his music"
Daniel Tabaczynski, 10

"For color guard Adele because we only rehearse to her music."
Nicole Dominguez, 12

"For Best Buddies Michelle Obama because she is very caring and passionate about what she does."
Maddy Kozy, 11

"For DECA Leonardo DiCaprio because he is an amazing actor and he could help us with role plays."
Josh Zatorski, 11

Project X

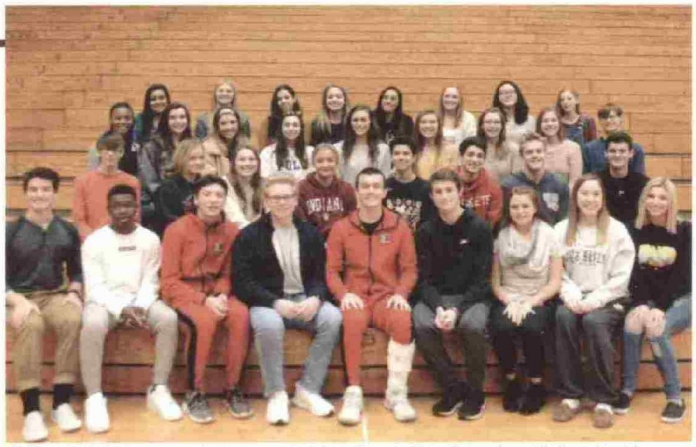
Events:
Winter party card making and movie
Media center
Dec. 12
Centennial movie in the park
Aug. 24
Centennial park
Craft fair set up
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1
Commons and Cafeteria
Eads elementary kids night out
Dec. 7
Eads Elementary

(front row) Maria Pulidova, Maha Alshamaileh, Eyneki Crenshaw, Casey Wallace, Leah Patterson, Kaylie Eriks, Claire Nowak, Emma Herring, Jaylee Rodriguez (second row) Mehak Sidhu, Jude Ouyuon, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Morgan Kazragys, Caitlyn Klos, Maddi Bell, Simona Terek, Julia Hoop (third row) Vanessa Koultourides, Megan Dedelow, Waaniya Irfan, Mia Tumacder, Mollie Clark, Ella McComis, Emily Kotvasz, Rimsha Siddiqui, Mercedes Maldonado (back row) Olivia Lerma, Allison Rusnak, Isabell Gonzalez, Taryn German, Gabrielle Szumlas, Alexis Lindenmayer, Mikayla Collins, Maddy Foreit

(front row) Maureen Van Matre, Hannah Bard, Sydney Skrobot, Sophia Farias, Simone Gill, Summer Gill, Kira Moreno, Marissa Slivka, Alina Hillegonds (second row) Gia Weis, Arianna Bender, Kerra Sepanski, Alayna Blasko, Priyana Reddy, Aleena Monigerie, Hailey Sullivan, Ally Burris (third row) Julia Mansour, Bella Buono, Zaria Ellis, Maria Ramos, Habiba Ouyuon, Natalie Mansour, Grace Clark, Devshree Patel, Avery Beerling (back row) Elizabeth Hanas, Alexis Berumen, Catherine Ornelas, Olivia Candelaria, Sihyun Yeo, Brink Walak, Karl Larson, Michael Collins

Project X

From Ashley Nita about Project X
"Project X is all about doing service. We have around 300 members who constantly volunteer for about four hours each month. We are currently the largest club in the school."



(front row) Adam Wisniewski, Ameer Igue, Adam Daniels, Tyler Zabrecky, Will Hoop, Maddie Kozy, Lilly Lemke, Chloe Lambert (second row) Griffin Broviak, Emme Poulston, Hazel Wolf, Abbey Ruckert, John Linnane, Nick Stephan, Holden Raffin, Will Stephan (third row) Taylor Graham, Alyse Lepir, Nicole Charos, Maria Delis, Isabella Scalzo, Ana Gaither, Skylar Van Ermen, Faith Blair, Maverick Broviak (back row) Rhea Khatra, Emily Eisha, Yasmeen Sabbah, Sydney Macek, Alyssa Winterhalter, Faith Eriks, Emily Shu, Lauren Morris

(front row) April Roberts, Zachary Grunewald, Jacob Galasich, Maddie Steapleton, George Dimopoulos, Charles Mason, Ethan Park, Parker Olsen, Sierra Gronkiewicz (second row) Nicholas Peirick, Jasvir Singh, Joseph Webster, William McComis, Shreyas Iyer, Luke Dragicevich, Hailey Thill, Matt Nahnsen (third row) Ava Jureczko, Surajpal Singh, Joey Marcus, Max Ladd, Nikolaos Zaromitidis, Juan Olivencia-Duque, Robert Maldonado (back row) Michael Chamberlain, William Pacurar, Colman Berg, Jake Thometz, Emily Dato, Clarissa Iwachiw, Ben Dodge, Robert Tengdin

"One time after an Orchestra concert, instead of sitting in the audience I would go sit in the booth with everyone from theatre and I would wear jeans and a tank top under my dress so I could take it off as soon as I got off stage. I took mine off and Joe (Bellahcen) put it on and he was wearing my dress around the booth during the rest of the concert. After the concert Mr. (Mike) Wells (principal) came up into the booth while Joe was in a full-on dress." Michaela Marcotte, 12

club reference

If you could go anywhere on a field trip with your club, where would you go?

"I think that Speech would want to go to Six Flags or something because I believe that it would be a very fun trip and act as something to keep stuff off our minds and live in the moment."

Deya Meraz, 9

"I would have the choir go to London because why not."

Adam Mohrs, 11

"I would go to France with French Club because I've always wanted to go to France. I like food so I want to eat all the food that they have there."

Caleb Quinones, 10

"For SciOly I would simply like to go outside the school because we're always practicing indoors and it'd be nice to leave."

Regan Newby, 9

"I would go to New York just because it's a good place to perform and it's a pretty big deal to be able to go all the way over there."

Lauren Slavo, 11

"I would take the French club to Spain."

Peter Gallagher, 11

"I would take the Winter Percussion to Carnegie Hall because I know the people who are in it are really devoted to music."

Miguel Gambetta, 9

"I would take the art club to the Louvre."

Kate Krawszyk, 9

"I would take the French Club to France because I've always wanted to see the Eiffel Tower."

Amyah Payton, 9

(front row) Ana Dimopoulos, Alyssa Sangueza, Cynthia Chockalingam, Emma Gossman, Gabriela Nieves, Nicole Roberts, Katelyn Calderon, Rachel Lyons, Cody Zhang **(back row)** Avery Pratt, Hamzah Rafiq, Andrew Tabaczynski, Leah Patterson, Declan Wittkowske, Edward DeMars, Antonio Cantu, Serena Alvarez, James Ashcraft **(not pictured)** Leira Alvarez, Cooper Beck, Shaun Bitta, Max Bokis, Antonio Carrasco, Mira Fefferman, Deandre Fuller Jr., Anay Gandhi, Iris Gong, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Juan Salgado, Megan Subranni, Jan Warnar, Payhan Zaman

Robotics

Sponsor:
Mr. Mark Knight, math teacher

Officers:
President:
Serena Alvarez, 11

Events:
Bionic Prosthetics
September
Merrillville Library Presentation
Dec. 10
Munster Library

From Cynthia Chockalingam about Robotics
"Four years ago the robotics team visited the library where I became interested, and now four years later I'm going back as a member to introduce new kids to robotics."

(front row) Ethan Boersma, Haley Mize-Block, Issac Hernandez, Austin Nitcher, Trinity Rodriguez, Adam Wisniewski **(second row)** Nathan Karnezis, Felix Barrera, Robert Tengdin, Gabriel McKnight, Joseph McCraw, Krishna Lakshmanamurthy **(back row)** Aaron Gorny, Daniel Cornejo, Lucas Barath, Edward DeMars, Raymond Holtsma, Ubin Kim, Anthony Montella **(not pictured)** Christian Arellano, Maxwell Borsch, George Fischer, Ethan Gil, Sean Johnson, Nathan Knutson, Tyler Miller, Carli Strbiak, Joseph Wedgeworth, Nick Yio, Samuel Rodriguez

eSports

Sponsors:
Mr. Nathaniel Thompson, science teacher
Mrs. Sarah Adams, FACS teacher

Officers:
President:
Jake Whitaker, 11
Vice President:
Halley Mize-Block, 11
Secretary:
Robert Tengdin, 11
Treasurer:
Trinity Rodriguez, 11

Events:
Fortnite Tournament
November 1-2
All-School Super Smash Ultimate Tournament
Jan. 24-26

(front row) Ava Quasney, Wisdom Ibikunle, Mira Fefferman, David Bastos, Anya Fitzpatrick, Marisa Crescent, Akansha Chauhan, Joanne Hwang, Olivia Crescent **(second row)** Raymond Li, Maverick Braviak, Justin Lee, Caroline Chael, Maureen Van Matre, Sophie Hand, Eli Stricker, Saranya Sanaka **(third row)** Harsha Sanaka, Emily Shu, Benjamin Hand, Evan Krieg, Adit Patel, Griffin Braviak, James Adams, Nicholas Larson, Stephen Heritage **(back row)** James Krieg, Fenry Zhou, Iris Gong, Richard Kicho, Joseph Kicho, Brett Soeka, Aishik Dhorl, Isaiah Rosinski, Rebecca Jones **(not pictured)** Peter Hwang, Rhusi Jhaveri, Arman Kumar, Ella McComas, Will McComas, Todd McKeutnek, Regan Newby, Kayla Powell, Darrell Schramm, Srija Thipireni

Science Olympiad

Sponsor:
Mr. Patrick O'Neil, science teacher
Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher

Officers:
Captains:
Anya Fitzpatrick, 11
Sophie Hand, 11
Justin Lee, 12
Wisdom Ibikunle, 12

Events:
Palatine High School Meet
Nov. 17
Palatine High School
University of Michigan Meet
Feb. 16
University of Michigan Regional Competition
Feb. 9
Purdue Northwest

"Rachel (Lyons) and I went to a Maroon 5 concert at the United Center, and it was a spur of the moment situation because she had planned to go with her dad and her mom, but then her dad didn't want to go, so I bought the other ticket and we went and saw it together." **Joe Bellechan, 12**

SONG

Sponsor:
Mr. Andrew Robinson, music teacher
Events:
Winter Concert
Dec. 10
The Auditorium
Meet the Robinsons
The Commons
May 29
From Cali Grzybowski about SONG
"SONG was a wonderful experience that allowed me to make lasting friendships and sing with some cool people."

(front row) Lilly Theriault, Jane Potter, Irene Tsakopoulos, Kelly Collins, Ariel Shariak **(second row)** Gillian Archer, Anu Arora, Kelli Little, Claire Powell **(back row)** Cali Grzybowski, Carina Crisan, Maya Radjenovich, Christina Burzynski, Amanda Beaudouin **(not pictured)** Sara Arndt, Shannon Coughlin, Regan Quirell, Lydia Smith, Anna Speckhard, Abby Watts

(front row) Bradley Bieniak, Luke Barath, James Shelton, Hunter Hamer, Adan Porras **(second row)** Jack Sullivan, Noel Fary, Keith Martin, Ben Mellon, Jack Stork **(back row)** James Sroge, Tim Giannini, Joey McCraw, Mark Caraher, Cris Aguilar **(not pictured)** Ben Peters

SING

Sponsor:
Mr. Andrew Robinson, music teacher
Events:
Winter Concert
Dec. 10
Auditorium
Meet the Robinsons
May 29
The Commons
From James Sroge about SING
"A bunch of loud, obnoxious, close friends who talk about memes, get cheap food, and have a great time singing."

(front row) Sarah Halun, Arianna Bender, Ana Dimopoulos, Alyssa Valadez, Olivia Crescent, Cynthia Vazquez, Marisa Crescent, Olivia Balbo, Monica Herrera **(second row)** Deborah Abioye, Rachel Lyons, Ami Shah, Joseph Bellahcen, Katelyn Calderon, Emma Stricker, Anya Fitzpatrick, Jordan Duff **(third row)** Allison Rusnak, Elizabeth Fonseca, Katelyn Sarmiento, Jonathan Del Real, Viviana Luna, Stephany Camacho, Naomy Diaz, Milena Trivunovic, Olivia Lerma **(back row)** Alyssa Nahinsen, Sophia Porter, Annie Foreit, Madeline Sajn, Amelia Chism, Rebecca Franco, Olivia Newman, Annie Abioye

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Spanish Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Rosemary Malagon, Spanish teacher
Officers:
Co-Presidents:
Rachel Lyons, 12
Eli Nirenberg, 12
Vice President:
Serena Alvarez, 11
Secretary:
Emma Stricker, 11
Public Relations:
Elizabeth Fonseca, 12, Olivia Lerma, 12, Austin Lynn, 12, and Juan Salgado, 12

If you could go anywhere on a field trip with your club, where would you go?

"We could go to Disney World in Tokyo because we're children inside and always having fun and it would be like a family vacation."

Arianna Piña, 11

"I would take the Jazz Band to New Orleans."

Khusi Jhaveri, 9

"I would take the Spanish Club to Spain or the soccer team to Africa."

Ethan Miles, 9

(front row) Eli Stricker, Samantha Flatt, Amir Henderson, Brook Maul, Shane Hoogewerf, Robert Maldonado, George Dimopoulos, Michael Collins **(second row)** April Roberts, Emily Dato, Clarissa Iwachiw, Hunter Delgado, Zachary Best, Niko Zaromitidis, Jake Thometz, Evan Gill **(third row)** Alina Hillegonds, Ben Hand, Ethan Gill, Benjamin Goldman, Cameron Adams, Nick Larson, Richard Kicho, Joey Kicho **(back row)** John Cronin, Lucas Dalla Costa, Krishna Lakshmanamurthy, Austin Lynn, Eli Nirenberg, Lily Leslie

Spanish Club

Events:
Day of the Dead Party
Nov. 8
Ballet Folklorico Mexicano
Nov. 11
Angel Ornament Field Trip
Dec. 9
From Olivia Lerma about Spanish Club
"I joined Spanish Club because of my Mexican background I wanted to learn more about Spanish culture and the people."

"My freshman year, my friend Julian Rivera and I were at a face painting event at Centennial Park, and after the event we had some time to kill so we went on the swings. We were swinging for awhile, and I got to a point where I was so high, I was about horizontal to the top bar of the swing, and I just fell vertically and my pinky was like purple for four weeks, and I broke my nail, and it was just a bad time." **Rachel Lyons, 12**

club reference

If you could make a uniform for your club, what would it be?

"A shirt and jeans, all ugly."
Avery Pratt, 10

"Penguin suits, obviously."
Hamzah Rafiq, 12

"Anything they want to wear, because uniforms are dumb."
Ethan Castillo, 10

"Elf costumes complete with elf shoes, hats with bells and surgical pointy ear implants, to demonstrate that we truly are helpers to Santa (the student body collectively)."
Alyssa Nahnsen, 11

"Power ranger suits because that's all I can think of."
Mickey Rabie, 12

"It would be all one color because it looks better."
Varrick Allen, 9

"DECA should have a color spectrum so we look like a cohesive unit."
Zachary Grunewald, 12

"Christmas sweaters because they are nice."
Trevor Maul, 12

"Guys would wear the same suit and tie, and girls would wear same skirt or pants so we all look like a team."
Rhea Khatra, 12

"Speech pretty much already has a uniform: suits and ties."
Nate Rodenburg, 12

"T-shirts that represent each class (in CEC)."
Kay Foley, 12

"Clown costumes because clowns are funny."
Linda Plebanski, 12

"Everyone should wear the GSA shirts created for the club."
Lillian Plebanski, 10

"Khaki shorts, Project X shirts, and bucket hats."
Erin Paskewitz, 12

(front row) Carey Scott, Kelli Little, Irene Tsakopoulos, Deyanira Meraz, Susan Rabie, Maha Alshamaileh, Claire Nowak, Ashley Wills, Ariel Shorlak **(second row)** Rahi Patel, Kylie Reed, Zoe Ackermann, Lea Yeo, Madeline Bell, Sarah Sanchez, Rebecca Franco, Sophia Brunetti, Megan Flynn **(third row)** Libby Fesko, Sydney Skrobot, Mo Alam, Charlie Mason, Jack Stark, Keira Hawk, Olivia Balbo, Kiari Nero, Mimi Brody **(back row)** Melissa Mardyla, Ben Dodge, Jack Sullivan, Noel Fary, Kathir Venkat, Shreyas Iyer, Sami Muhrez, Alyssa Nahnsen

Speech and Debate

Sponsor:
Mr. Jordan Mayer, Speech and English teacher

Officers:
President:
Jackie Webber, 12
Vice President:
Nate Rodenburg, 12

(front row) *Jonathan Gallegos, Emma Higgason, Nicole Blestek, Jaclyn Webber, Trinitee Hassan, Zoe Short* **(second row)** *Michael Fugger, Michael Parianos, Bradley Bieniak, Sophia Farias, Salma Prince, Anabelle Hauter, Hailey Sullivan* **(third row)** Sarah Resch, Tyler Devenny, Niko Lekic, Richard Ballentine, James Stewart, Mark Caraher, Nikolaos Zaromitidis **(back row)** Meagan Venema, Sydney Hamill, Imani Brown, Kate Krawczyk, Mackenzie Stricklin, Myanne Zachary

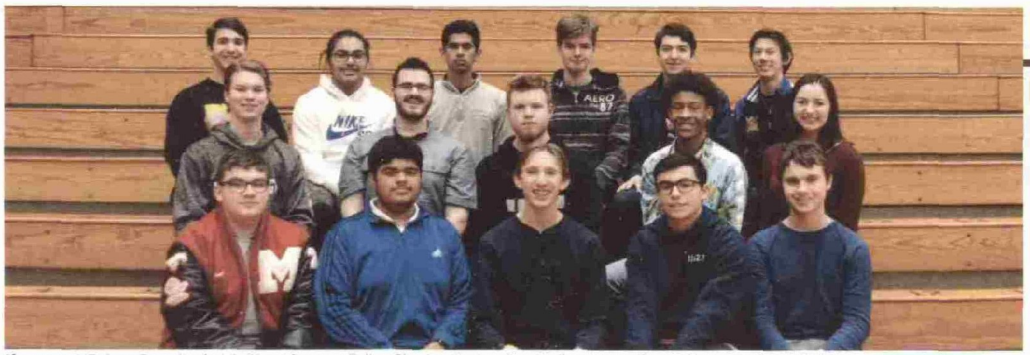
Speech and Debate

Events:
Nationals
June 16-21
Dallas, Texas
State Debate
Jan. 25-26
Indianapolis
Debate placed third
Speech State
March
Indianapolis

(front row) Emma Herring, Brink Wolak, Vanessa Vasquez, Maya Kenny, Srishti Sarkar, Cynthia Chockalingam, Emma Stricker, Akansha Chauhan, Shivani Collur **(second row)** Ellie Brennan, Emily Sun, Mallika Keralavarma, Ananya Sharma , Anushka Majety, Shriya Iyer, Jaelyn Guiton, Emmaline Miller **(third row)** Gavin Kenning, Rajiv Kalluri, Ethan Park, Jacob Katz, Isaiah Kim, Aidan Chism, Carina Crisan, Ava Quasney, Mateo Bedolla **(back row)** Priyana Reddy, Saranya Sanaka, Richard Ma, Dori Clousing, Emma Powell, Maya Radjenovich, George Dimopolous, Mingrui Li

Speech and Debate

Events:
Bradley University
Tournament
November
Peoria, Ill.
The first away tournament



(front row) Robert Tengdin, Aishik Dhori, Sammy Fuller, Charles Morton, Ben Mellon **(second row)** Drew Westland, Eli Nirenberg, Logan Radwan, Deven Hawkins, Ashley Nita **(back row)** Demetrios Fotopoulos, Surajpal Singh, Ronav Panigrahi, Nathanael Rodenburg, Michael McDunn, Francis Hovland

Speech and Debate

From Ben Peters about Speech and Debate
"Speech and Debate is an organization where students are able to express their voices and their opinions while telling their story to an audience, which they may not be able to do in the normal setting of school."

"Before a Spring Break, me and Ralph (Ascencio) had a math test and we just ran away and we were gone for like two days." **Julian Rivera, 12**

Student Advisory Council

Sponsor:
Mrs. Valerie Zemaitis, Assistant Principal
Mr. Morgan Nolan Assistant Principal

Events:
13 Reasons Why Not
Safety Awareness
Purdue Northwest
Met with other safety advisory councils and discussing policies

From Will McComis about SAC
"We give a student voice to Student Services about policies "and procedures"

(front row) Kiari Nero, Lilia Brunetti, Shalini Tallamraju, Maha Alshamaileh, Jackie Bevil, Cynthia Chockalingam, Joseph Bellahcen **(back row)** Bailey Broelman, Mathew Larrison, Will McComis, Henry Sklar, Zachary Tucker, Peyton Specht, Sydney Pastor **(not pictured)** Anisha Campos, Kaiyn Ogasovich

(front row) Mercedes Maldonado, Simona Terek, Mia Terek, Haya Safi, Irene Tsakopoulos, Regan Quneil **(back row)** Ashlyn Williams, Saranya Sanaka, Kira Moreno, Natalia Djuraskovic, Zoe Short, Elizabeth Fonseca, Sophia Brunetti **(not pictured)** Michael Chamberlain, Simone Gill, Gage Hoekstra, Ryan Hughes, Olivia Lerma, Chrys Navarro, Dianna Safi, Hannah Salemanca, Silja Thiemann, Vanessa Vasquez

Read and White Book Club

Sponsor:
Mr. Joshua Craig, Media Specialist

Officers:
President:
Mercedes Maldonado, 12
Elizabeth Fonseca, 12

Events:
Meetings with food
Every other Thursday
Discussing current book
Movie Night
January

From Mercedes Maldonado about Book Club
"I joined book club because Elizabeth knew I liked to read and talked about all the books I have read"

STAND

Sponsor:
Ms. Peggy Metanic, English and Theater teacher

Officers:
Co-Presidents:
Kayla Prowell, 12
Cynthia Chockalingam,10

Events:
Suicide Walk
September
Wicker Park

From Kayla Prowell about STAND
"STAND is really just about promoting acceptance and letting people know that there are other cultures out there besides their own."

(front row) Rachel Lyons, Jaclyn Webber, Lily Leslie, Serena Alvarez, Cynthia Chockalingam **(not pictured)** Kaitlyn Sternpka, Kayla Prowell

(front row) Maureen Van Matre, Maddi Bell, Emma Miles, Mia Terek, Alyssa Nahnsen, Samantha Barraza, Maddy Foreit, Vanessa Koultourides, Ella McComis **(second row)** Taylor Graham, April Roberts, Clara Terry, Zachary Lenaburg, Jonathan Bryson, Annie Ostojic, Anushka Majety, Shriya Iyer **(back row)** Will McComis, Nicholas Petrick, Andrew Wittkamp, Sami Muhrez, Shreyas Iyer, Matt Nahnsen, Kathir Venkat, Demetrias Fotopoulos **(not pictured)** Arnav Kumar, Emma Higgason, Kayla Prowell, Luka Balac, Mariana Gronkiewicz Megan Flynn, Mimi Brody, Simra Sweety, Taryn Gen

Student Government

Sponsor:
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan
Science teacher
Kathleen LaPorte
Social Studies teacher

Officers:
President:
Shreyas Iyer, 12
Vice President:
Madeline Foreit, 12
Treasurer:
Kathir Venkat, 11
Secretary:
Vanessa Koultourides, 12
Public Relations:
Mimi Brody, 12
Nick Pierick, 12

Event:
Food Drive
October-November
School-wide
To get food for the Northwest Indiana Food Bank

TEAMS

Sponsor:
Mr. Keith Koszut
Mr. Patrick O'Neil
Science teachers

Events:
Purdue Northwest Competition
March 15
"TEAMS works all year to prepare for this competition.

From Ava Quasney about TEAMS
"TEAMS is a cumulative STEM experience that allows high school students to study real world engineering challenges."

(front row) Maverick Braviak, Stephanie Niemiec, Caroline Chael, David Bastos, Shriya Iyer, Cynthia Chockalingam, Anya Fitzpatrick, Srishti Sarkar, Shivani Collur, Ana Dimopoulos **(second row)** Stephen Heritage, Justin Lee, Eli Stricker, Mira Fefferman, Wisdom Ibikunle, Saranya Sanaka, Ava Quasney, Lilia Brunetti, George Dimopoulos **(back row)** Becky Jones, Aishik Dhar, Harsha Sanaka, Adit Patel, Evan Krieg, Griffin Braviak, Nick Larson, Iris Gong, Maya Kenny, Allison Lee, Eli Nirenberg

(front row) Joseph McCraw, Michaela Marcotte, Sydney Hamill, Zoe Short, Kelly Collins, Diana Ayala, Ariel Velasco, Ariel Shoniak, Amanda Jonquet, Joseph Bellahcen **(second row)** Michael McDunn, Erin Bryce, Dori Clousing, Christina Burzynski, Chris Canul, Emma Powell, Ava Quasney, Maya Radjenovich, Kelli Little **(back row)** Francis Hovland, Logan Radwan, Adam Mohrs, Andrew Wittkamp, Cali Grzybowski, Patricia Castro, Jack Stork, Sarah Resch, Nikolai Hoogewerf, Camryn Hayes

Thespians

Sponsor:
Mr. Raymond Palasz
Theatre Director

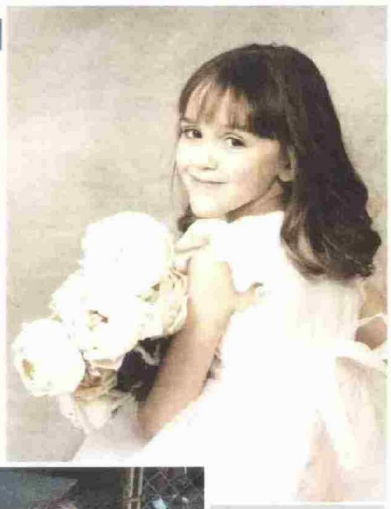
Event:
Induction ceremony
May
Auditorium
Hand out awards and induct new members to society

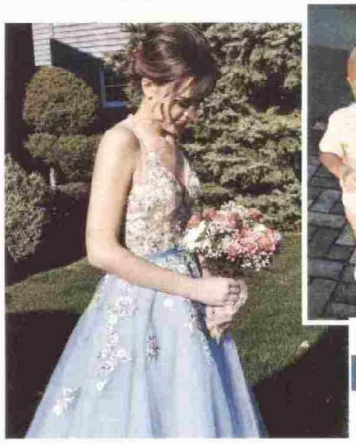
From Michaela Marcotte about the Thespians
"The international thespian's society is a global organization that encourages education and excellence in theatre."

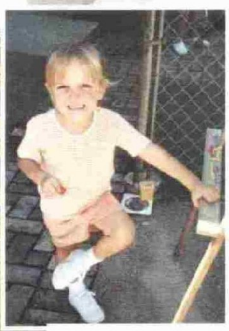
"There was a scary music box that started playing in the forest and me and Pheonix (Orozco) didn't know where it was coming from, so I just ran away and left him there." **Ralph Ascencio, 12**

Kameryn Moore

It has been a wonderful journey watching you grow from the sweet little girl to the beautiful young lady you are today. We are so proud of all your accomplishments, and can't wait to see what's in store for you ahead. Congratulations Kameryn!
Love, Mom, Dad, Kayley, Carter, Hershey and Thor





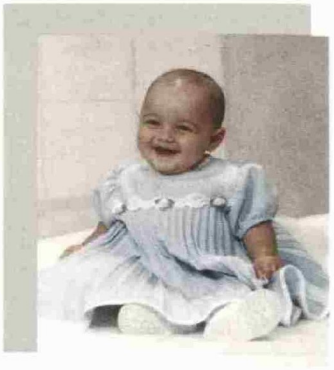


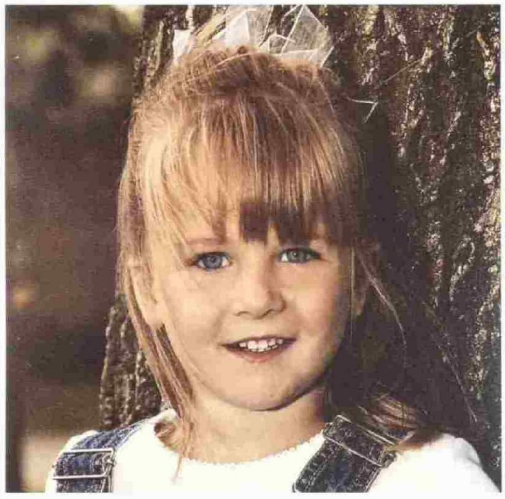
"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."
Walt Disney

Abigail Burris

Congratulations! Today proves something we always knew about you - you're pretty smart! We are so proud of you for all your accomplishments. Don't ever stop learning, dreaming and achieving! Wishing you all the best in college,
Mom, Dad, Ally, and Ashlynn

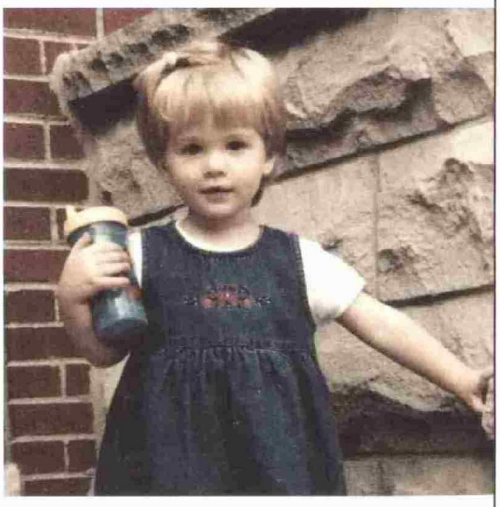
"I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the courage to start over again."
F. Scott Fitzgerald





Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.



We are very proud of you! The many challenges we threw at you, you survived. We loved watching you grow up before our very eyes.
Thank you for being you.
Thank you for making us smile.
Thank you for entertaining us.
Thank you for being our joy.

Life is what you make of it. Stay positive, and we all love you very much!

Love Dad, Mom, Stephanie, Busie and Papa

Samantha Kall

We are so proud of all your accomplishments. As this chapter ends, a new one begins. We can't wait to see what lies ahead. Congratulations! Love you, Mom, Dad and Zach

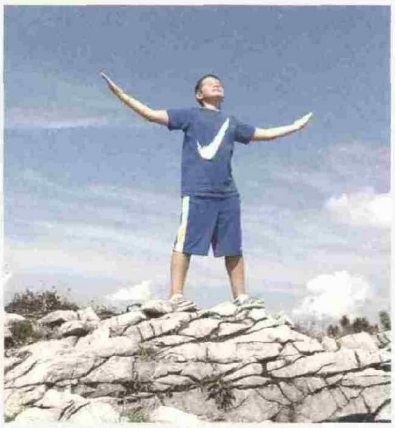
Cali Grzybowski

We are extremely proud of you Cali Vern! We cannot wait to see what the future holds in store for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Adam Wisniewski

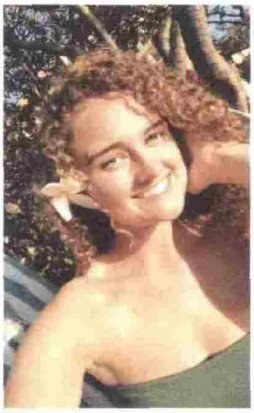
Climb every mountain and reach for your dreams! We are so proud of all you have accomplished and of what lies ahead for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Allison & Alex

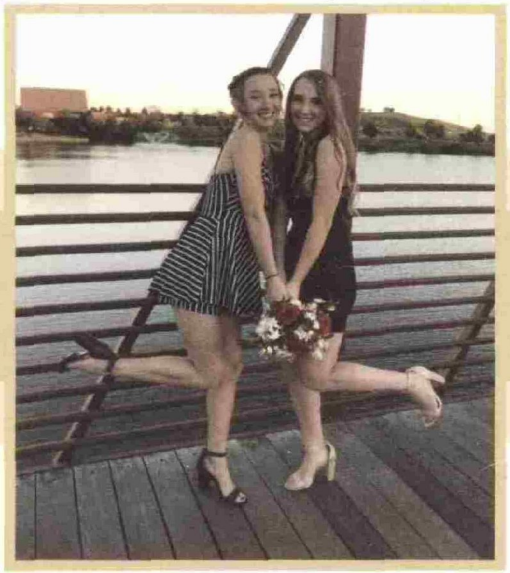


Madison Hansen

Congrats Maddy! Dad and I are so proud of you. We can't wait to see all the amazing accomplishments and goals we know you will crush in your future. Love you baby girl!

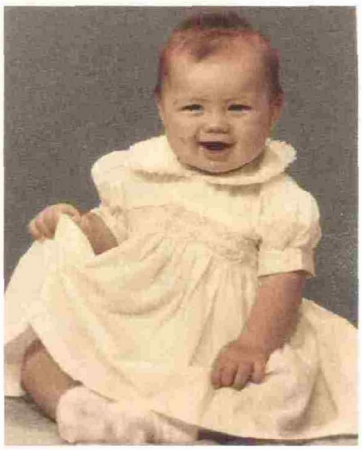


Jessica Tucker and Sydney Pastor



Sydney, we're so impressed with how you've grown into a beautiful capable young woman. Your continued perserverance and hard work will enlighten & fulfill you... IU will be lucky to get this catch!
Love, Mom & Dad

Jess, You've grown from that tiny preemie everyone treated like glass & bloomed into such a strong, determined & inspiring young woman. We are so impressed with your drive & can't wait to see the next chapter in your story!
Love, Mom & Dad



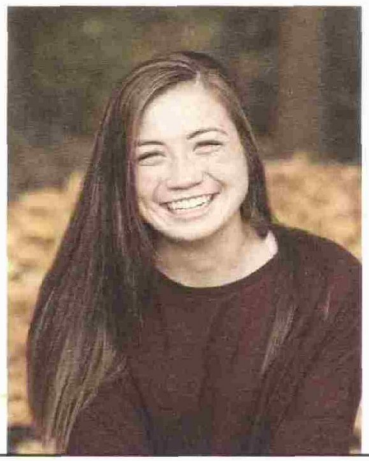
Erin Gonzales

"She believed she could so she did"

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

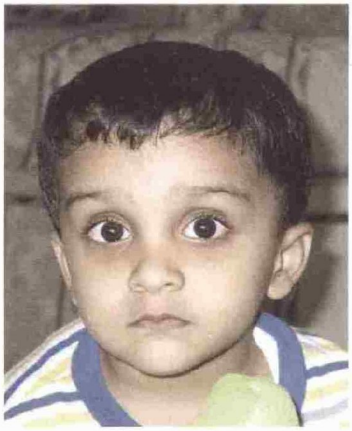
Erin,
We are so proud of you and can't wait to see all the amazing ways you change the world! We love you more than you'll ever know.
Boiler Up!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kathleen
XOXO



Taylor Jones

Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you & what you have accomplished thus far. We love you very much! May God continue to bless you in all of your future endeavors big and small!!!
Love Mom & Dad
Addison, RJ & Kamden



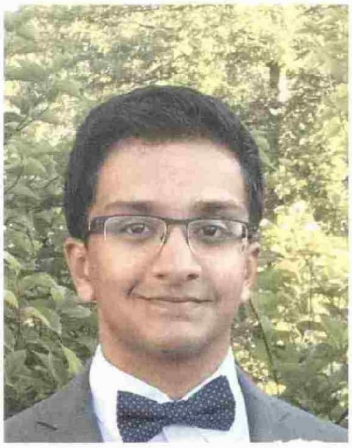
Shreyas A. Iyer

"Man can change his destiny – not by wishing for it, but by working for it."

-Swami Chinmayananda

We are so proud of the young man you have become. Congratulations on all your achievements in High School. As you start another chapter of your life, we wish you the very best. With your talent and determination, the sky is the limit!

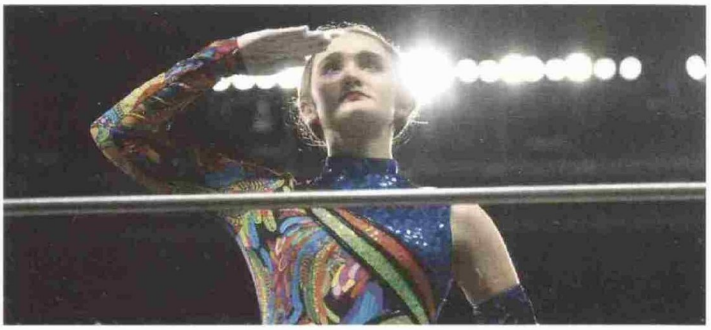
Love you,
Amma, Appa, Shriya, Thatha and Patti

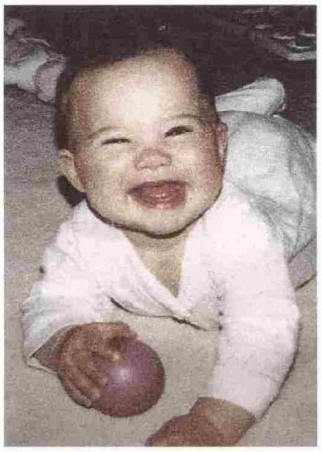


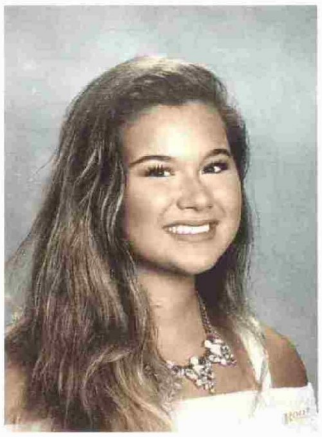
Catie Gilhooly

"She believed she could so she did"

We are proud of the person you have become, and are excited to see where your dreams will take you.
Love, Mom, Dad and Annie







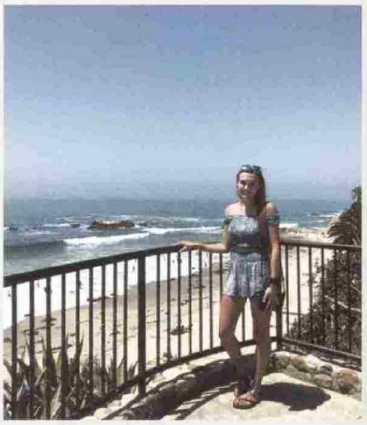
Emma Ladd

Congratulations Emma on a fabulous High School career!!! We are so proud of your hard work and all the great accomplishments you have achieved. Way to go and we can't wait to see what you do next! Good luck and have fun at Indiana University!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Sara and Max

Shellbelle

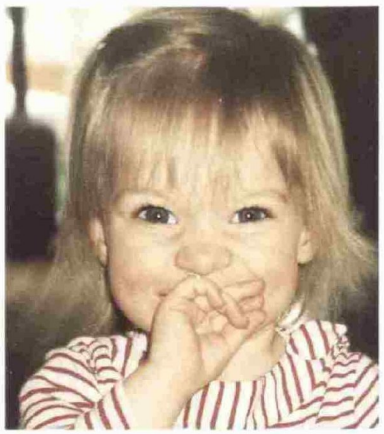
We are proud of you. Continue to braaap your way into the future!!

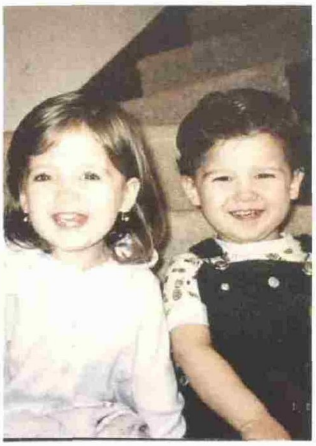


Katie B.

Congratulations!!! We are so very proud of you. You will always be our favorite daughter (probably). Go get 'em princess.

LOVE,
Mom, Dad, Justin, Aaron, Derek, & Rusty





Anthony Bohling & Brisa Bohling

Tony and Brisa,

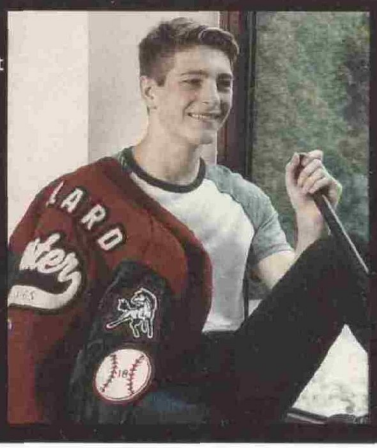
You are amazing! Your talent, willingness to learn, devotion, and belief in yourself will take you far. We wish you the best of luck and continued success! Great things await you both!!

"Go confidently in the direction of your DREAMS! Live the life you've imagined."
- Henry David Thoreau

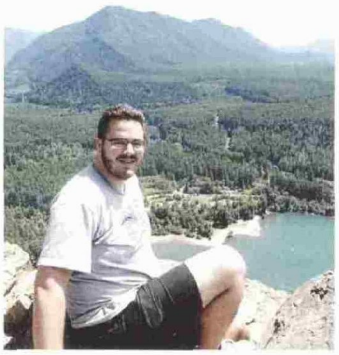
Love,
Mom, Dad and Bianca

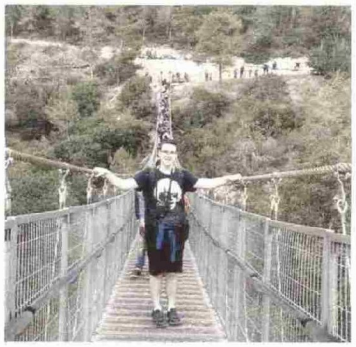
Jeff Ballard

Congratulations Jeff! From your biggest cheering section. We love you & can't wait to see what you do next!
Love, Dad, Mom, Heather & Brandon, Michelle, Adam & Caleb, Kelly & Tony!



Muchas Felicidades Carlos!

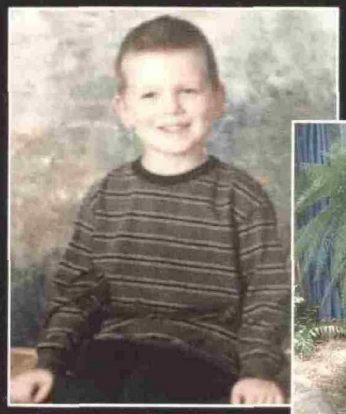


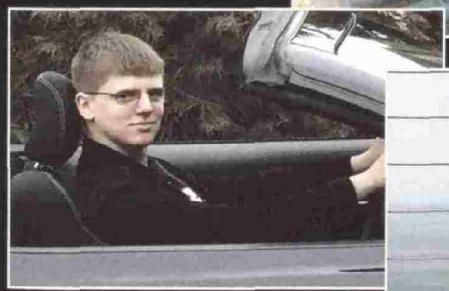


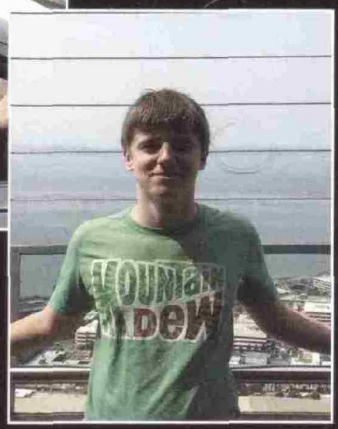
Eli Nirenberg

The world awaits you!
Enjoy the adventure
Love, Mom and Dad

James Ashcraft







You make us so proud! We wish you the best in everything you do.

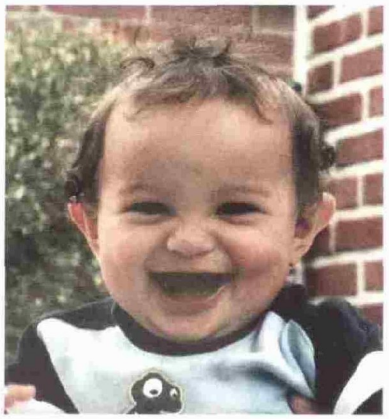
Love, Dad, Mom & Thomas

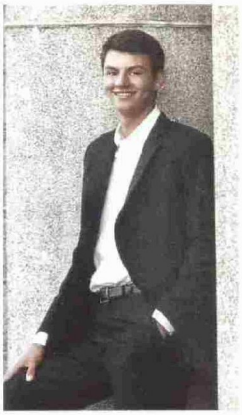
Nicholas Ylo

You've grown into such a smart, funny and talented young man. We know there are great things ahead for you! Good luck at Purdue!! Boiler Up!

Love, Dad, Mom, Ally and Jill

"Life is a cinch by the inch, but hard by the yard."

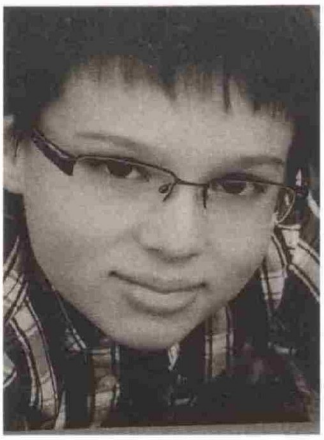




Zack Schmidt

"Oh the places you'll go!"
-Dr Seuss-

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jacob Elliott Van Woert

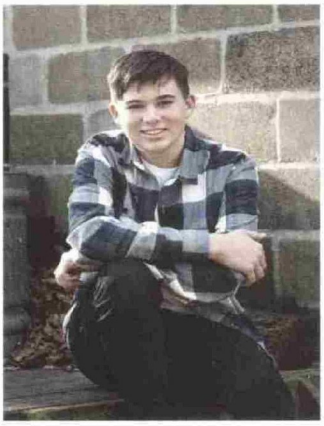
Congratulations!!!
We are proud of the person you have become and are excited for you as you begin your next adventure in life. Continue to follow your own path and believe in yourself. The best is yet to come. Great things await you. Remember life is a journey not a race...take chances, make mistakes and most of all have fun and laugh along the way.
Love you,

Mom, Dad, Dayna,
Winnie and Bella too.

Eleanor Wilson

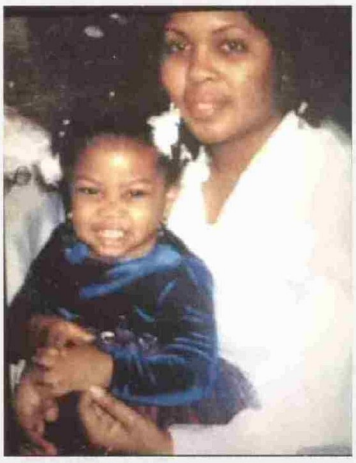
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." –Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations Eleanor–
we are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Henry



Sage Sweeney

Congratulations, Sage Helena!
We are so proud of you!!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Sierra
and Sedona



Olivia Everette

You were my baby girl

But
Baby girl is all grown up

Love, Mom

Mimi Brody

You've come a long way kiddo!
So proud of you Mimi!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Joseph Bellahcen

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments!
Love, Mom, Dad, Anthony & John

"A
YEARBOOK
IS A LOVE LETTER
A SCHOOL WRITES
TO ITSELF."
// Pat Conroy

THANKS FOR LETTING US HELP WRITE YOUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY.

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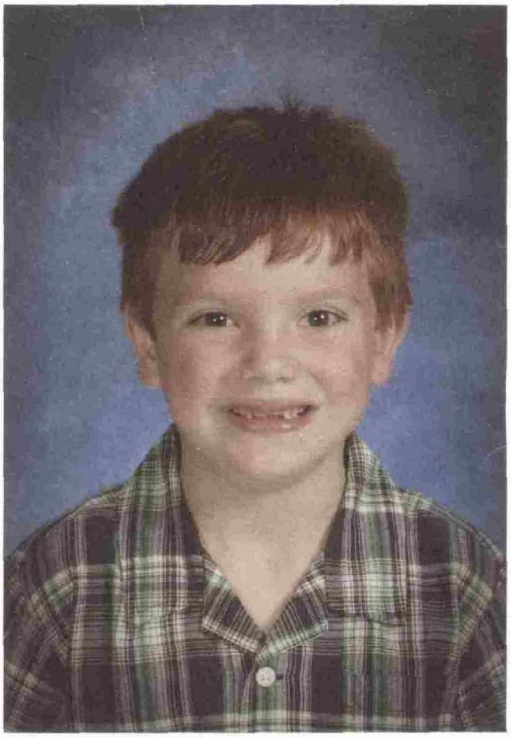

Eric, we don't where the time went.
You were just a baby going to your older sibling's activities.
You are the last but no way the least of the Jerges to graduate from MHS!
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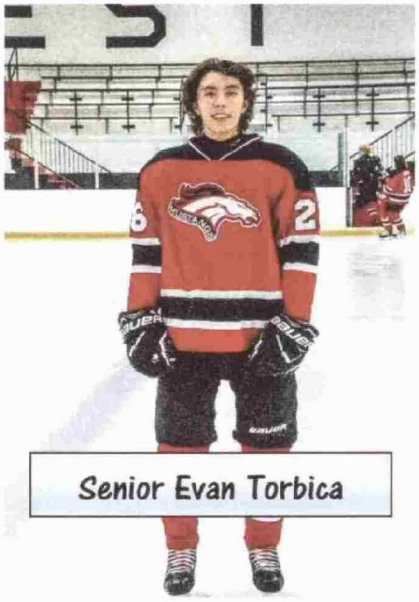
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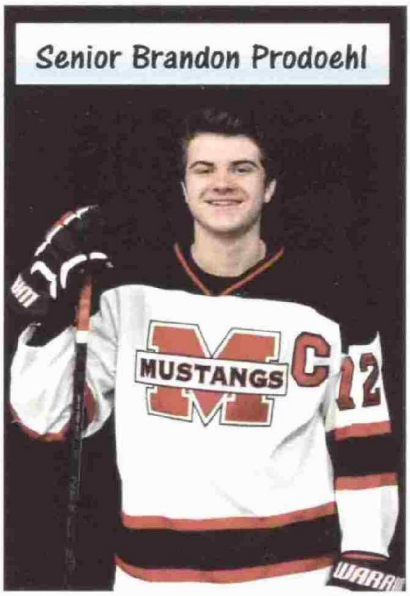

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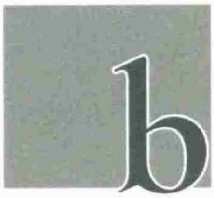

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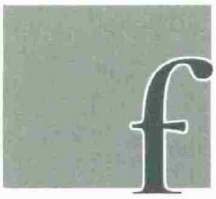

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If you could be a famous YouTuber, what type of videos would you make?

"If I was to be a famous YouTuber I would make videos on music production and how to edit music videos."
Nancy Tratar, 12

"If I were a famous YouTuber I would probably have a podcast about music and talk about its culture. I talk about it all the time with my friends anyway and it's an interest of mine."
George Sudar, 12

"I would be a vlogger because I would love to look back at my life and see all of the amazing memories I have made."
Skyler Dickeson, 11

"I'd have a variety I would go between: beauty and rock climbing and gaming. But if I had to choose one genre I'd probably choose beauty."
Madison Pomales, 12

"I'd make Thomas Sanders type of videos to try to get people to smile."
Creighton Kooy, 11

"If I were a YouTuber, I would make videos making fun of famous people."
Josh Batur, 11

"I would create music content because it is something I'm interested in, and I'm already good at, and I would be happy that people can enjoy my music and hopefully it would make them happy."
Caden Tomko, 10

"If I was a famous YouTuber, I would make Roblox videos because I love gaming."
Zion Asgedom, 10

"I would do fashion, like the fashion hall because I like clothes."
Payton Powe, 11

"I would have to be a vlogger because I do such dumb things that people would have to see."
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"I was driving around, just chilling, and Juli (Nelson) messaged me and said she wanted Wendy's, so I got her some." **Bilal Salem, 12**

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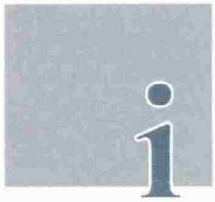

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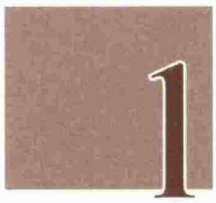

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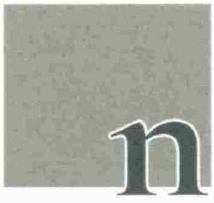

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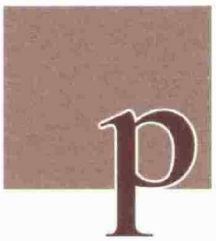

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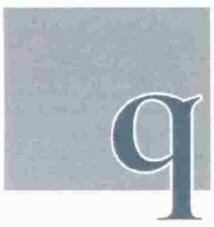

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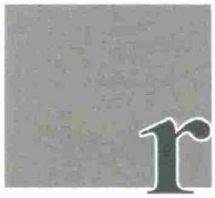

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"Me and my friend Anica (Sljivar) went to Starbucks one night to study. We got on the subject of our old Serbian folk dancing groups and we were laughing and talking so loud that the manager of Starbucks told us if we didn't shut up, we were going to get kicked out." **Kristina Pamucar, 11**

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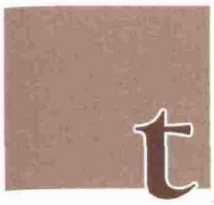

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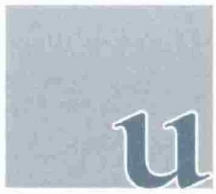

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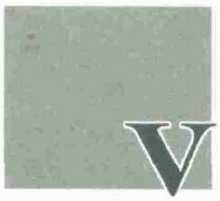

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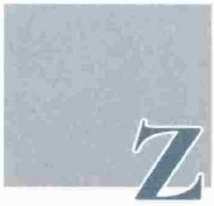

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If you could be friends with any character, who would it be?

"Rex (from Toy Story) because he's funny and not the smartest. So he wouldn't make me feel dumb."
Dharma Niles, 11

"Marshall from Paw Patrol because he saves people and he's cute."
Zoey Miles, 10

"Probably any Disney movie character cause I love watching Disney movies"
Emma Bozic, 11

"Kim Possible because she could teach me her skills."
Sydni Branch, 10

"Forrest Gump, he's a funny guy."
Max Ladd, 10

"Spongebob because I watched it a lot when I was a little kid."
Joseph Pallares, 12

"I would want to be friends with Rocky from the movie Rocky and my reasoning is because he would be that one friend that would push you to accomplish any challenge that stands in your way."
Cayleb Mendoza, 10

"I would choose Captain America because he's a good loyal friend and before he got all his muscles, he was a man full of fierce strength and was determined. So to me, he represents the kind of good, selflessness, and courage anyone should have."
Logan Gomez, 10

"I wouldn't be friends with anyone."
Alfredo Valadez, 9

"I would be friends with Ice Bear because he is chill."
Faith Muczyznski, 10

"One time I was supposed to drive Priya (Karnam) home, and I couldn't find her, so I left." **Anica Sljivar, 12**

colophon

From sharing ideas, takings hundreds of pictures, and trying to make deadlines, to birthday celebrations, lots of food, and late, late nights, it takes a lot to make a yearbook. But the most important thing that goes into it is the close bonds and memories made along the way.

From Kammy making everyone sing happy birthday to Harry Styles, to Anastasia singing Happy Birthday any day just for the fun of it. From making Mia do a Pub Pets alt copy just to put our pets in the yearbook, to Jack getting cat food for Secret Santa. From Demetrios falling on a giant tarp at Fair Oaks Farm to Chloe doing Jack's makeup at Nationals. From the fire alarm randomly going off during our first deadline, to the bees (there's a bee?!) infiltrating our classroom.

We started the year with a brand new Mac lab and Adobe Creative Cloud. Chloe and Sean were mysteriously late to class a few days in a row. Abbey reappeared after not being on staff first semester. Jack fell asleep during our first deadline. Anastasia took hundreds of pictures at the wndr museum. Sydney drew a bunch of stress balls on the board. The staff taught themselves various choreography during breaks on club photo day. Lanman bought a giant cat mask as well as a brand new black and white printer. Demetrios perfected his James Charles impression. Vanessa was put on cut-out after cut-out, and became a pro at them. Mia would take a bite of her apple then wrap it back up in a towel, only to take it back out a few minutes later. Carey would say 'from me to you' every single time she handed someone anything. Todd unleashed all his photo knowledge on the lab while avoiding photos of himself being taken. We lost a week of school due to the cold in January which resulted in unfinished pages and one less week for final deadline. The cover took way too long because Kammy was too indecisive. An unknown teacher stole our leftover pizza we were all looking forward to eating. Marley was thrown head first into deadline when she joined second semester. Chynna rambled on and on about color guard. Liz passed on her knowledge about every type of reference in a yearbook.

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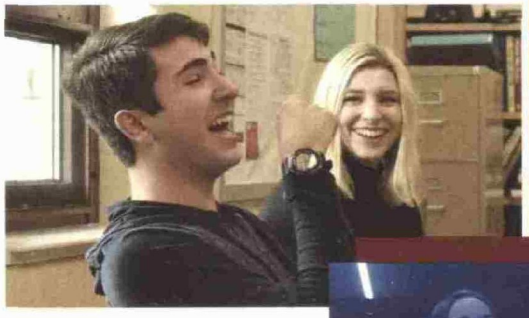

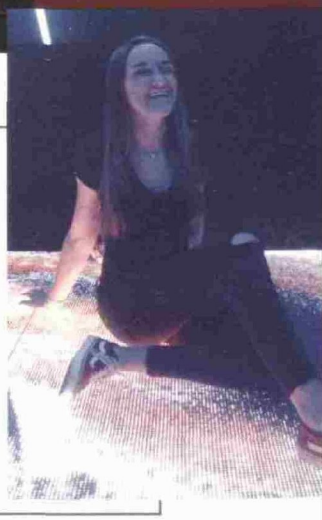

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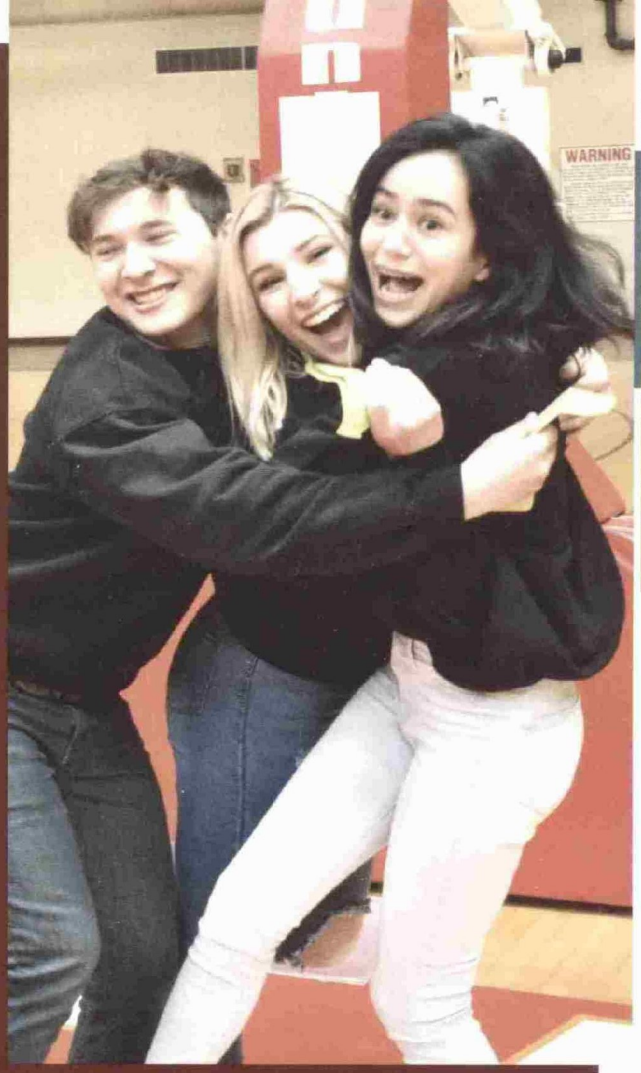
"Chloe and I went to take pictures for the fashion spread and afterward I had to drop her off at her car in the Starbucks parking lot. I got in trouble because I told my mom I was coming home but then I sat and talked to Chloe for nearly three hours." **Kammy Moore, 12**

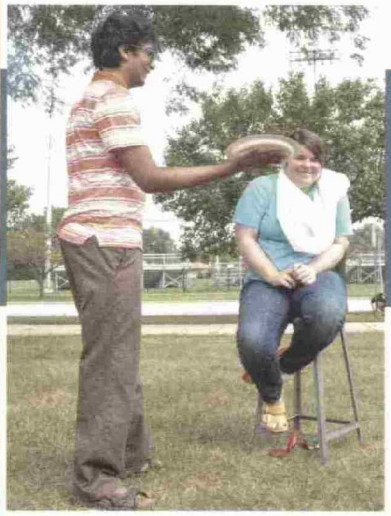
"I took Abbey to Aurelio's and to be fancy we went to the one all the way in Homewood. After, we ended up at a random Italian sub place because they had an ad for gelato in the window and we ate the biggest cookie I have ever seen. We drove home screaming Victorious songs with all the windows down, it was amazing." **Chloe Lambert, 11**

"I met Elizabeth Fonseca in freshmen biology because I didn't have a lab partner and she offered to be mine. We spent the whole class period laughing because she kept breaking her pencil tip." **Abbey Burris, 12**

"One day, I met Sean in IED and I knew right away he was perfect for the yearbook staff. A few years later, he's here." **Elizabeth Fonseca, 12**

pie day Holding a plate of whipped cream, Harsha Sanaka, senior, gets ready to pie Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman in the face. "I was rather confused because I didn't know what was happening," Harsha said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn **surprise attack** Scaring Elizabeth Fonseca, senior, Sean O'Rourke and Chloe Lambert, juniors, pull her into a hug. "I feel like this picture is a representation of Pub for me," Elizabeth said. "It's like family." Photo by Chynna Vaughn **to build a book** Hard at work, seniors Carey Scott, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, and freshmen Marley Anderson, build their spreads during the January deadline. They had a joint deadline with Crier, making it extra cramped in the lab. Photo by Vanessa Situ





"On the day of state finals for Marching Band, Kammy had to come knocking on my door because I didn't wake up at four in the morning. I felt really bad because I was late and caused everyone stress. Lesson learned, never leave your phone on do not disturb." **Vanessa Situ, 10**

"For one of my first assigned spreads ever, I was paired with Vanessa as my photographer. I was clueless, and she helped and guided me through what I didn't know. When I needed an extra interview for my story, she left to do it for me right away. She was always willing to help in any way she could. Without her, I would have definitely been behind." **Marley Anderson, 9**

"The first time I met Marley was in Poetry Club and I was in awe because she was so pretty and I didn't know who she was. I remember before one of our meetings, I went to go say hi, but she was with her boyfriend and she didn't see me, but her boyfriend gave me a dirty look." **Chynna Vaughn, 12**

"I worked with Chynna on more spreads than I did with any other photographer, and honestly it was a struggle, but not in a bad way. We both had a procrastination problem and as a result a lot of stuff didn't get done until last minute, and it was one of the most memorable years of my life." **Jack Stork, 11**

"I used to hate Jack Stork for (almost) no reason whatsoever, but one late deadline night, he needed a ride home so I took him home. We ended up bonding and now I come up to him and vent all the time when I thought I would always try to avoid him. To say the least, he grew on me." **Sydney Pastor, 12**

"One time Sydney really wanted me to make these cookies for her, so she dropped off the box mix on my front porch and it made me realize the staff really needs me to parent them and without me they would probably starve." **Carey Scott, 12**

"On my first day of Pub, Carey showed me how to do everything and where everything was. She was really loud and scared me at first when I came in the room." **Todd McKechnie, 10**

"Todd knows more about cameras than I do. Together we decided what new gear to buy for pub, including a dual camera strap. From reading the reviews, Todd was really worried it wouldn't work properly and a camera would drop. I assured him it would be fine. But then it did end up dropping his camera and I felt really bad." **Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, adviser**

laughing matter During class, Demetrios Fotopoulos, sophomore, and Chloe Lambert, junior, laugh out loud. "I don't remember what I was laughing at, but I do remember that I was laughing hysterically and I couldn't stop," Demetrios said. "I love to laugh and there was always something for me to smile at during yearbook." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **funny faces** On Club Photo Day, the Paragon staff goofs around and takes a fun group photo. "It was good to have people outside of my friend group," Vanessa Situ, sophomore said. "When I was in pub, I talked to them and to their friends and I know a lot more people." Photo by Melanie Powers **wndr-ous** While on the Nationals field trip in Chicago, Kammy Moore, senior, sits on the floor of the wndr museum. One exhibit had a floor that lit up when someone walked on it. "It was a really cool room to take pictures in," Kammy said. "Some of us laid down to try and make snow angels with the lights." Photo by Chloe Lambert **in the city** Walking down Michigan Avenue, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, senior, looks back as Robert Young, Jack Stork and Adam Klaich, juniors, walk ahead. Members of the Crier and Paragon staffs went to Chicago for JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention. "It was one of the best experiences ever because I learned so much and had so much fun," Anastasia said. "I got to meet other journalists from all over the country and I got to hang out with all my friends in Chicago." Photo by Lilia Brunetti

"I met Demetrios in yearbook when he told me he lived down the street and one evening his house caught on fire, but I didn't know it was his house, so I was just standing outside and he kept teasing me about how I didn't go save his life." **Sean O'Rourke, 11**

"Mia and I would always tell jokes together during class. We had so many inside jokes it was hard to even give them a measurable number. Some of the jokes originated in middle school and others originated as recently as the final build week for our yearbook." **Demetrios Fotopoulos, 10**

"When I was in fifth grade, I did a theater workshop at the Performing Arts Center and it just so happens that Anastasia was in it. We had to do this mirror exercise, and Anastasia was in my group and it was very fun." **Mia Terek, 10**

"One time I got $70 stolen in the locker room and I came to Pub bawling my eyes out because I needed it so Ms. Lanman gave me $40 to get me to shut up." **Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, 12**

What have you given to MHS?

"I have given my soul."
Finn Manion, 9

"My energy by being involved in different clubs and activities."
Jaelyn Williams, 10

"I have given MHS a hard time because they have to put up with my shenanigans."
Tiara Sparks, 10

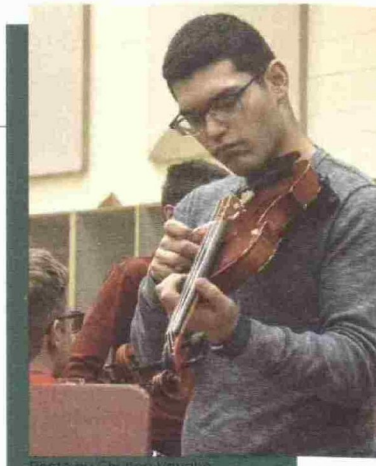
"I haven't really given MHS a lot besides a few laughs and some decent grades."
Hazem Ojel, 11

"I've given MHS my blood, sweat and tears."
Leila Damianos, 12

Sitting in MRT, **Max Lindenmayer**, freshman, accidentally causes **Sarah Morton**, freshman, to lose her Tetris game. "I was thinking about how I didn't mean to make her lose," Max said. "I felt bad, but not that bad."

Photo by Vanessa Shi

Playing the violin, **Chris Olivieri**, sophomore, practices in orchestra class. "The violin is an instrument for everybody," Chris said. "If you enjoy classical music, then you would enjoy the violin."



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Waving goodbye to her friends, **Catie Gilhooly**, senior, gets ready to drive her younger sister home. "I was thinking about how long the traffic was going to be and how long it was going to take to get home," Catie said.

"One time Desiree (Bedolla) and Ethan (Stewart) were stranded at the movie theatre at midnight, so I had to give them a ride." **Priya Karnam, 12**

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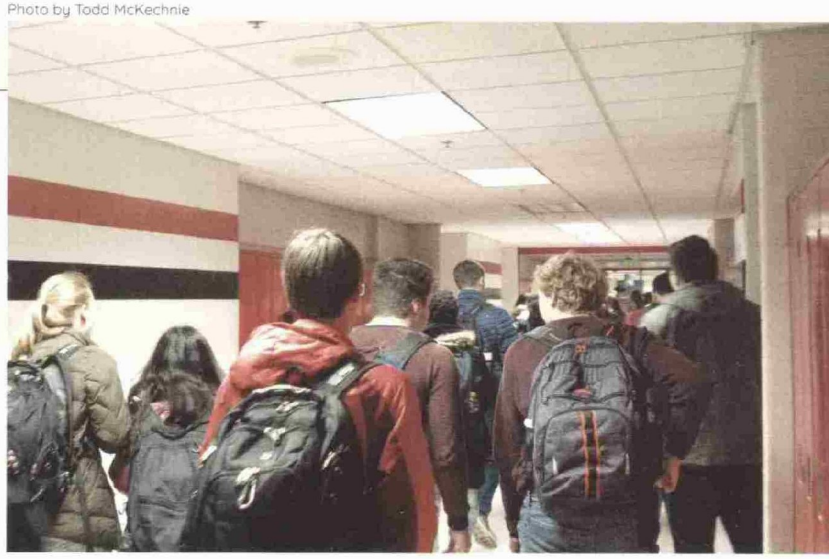


Walking in the newly remodeled hallway, students make their way to class. Over winter break, the South hallways were repainted and the carpet was replaced with tile.

Walking across the gym at senior night, **Nicole Tsoukalas**, senior, holds her mother, **Kathy Tsoukalas**', hand. "Senior night is bittersweet," Nicole said. "I'm excited to graduate but I will miss cheering."

Photo by Todd McKechnie

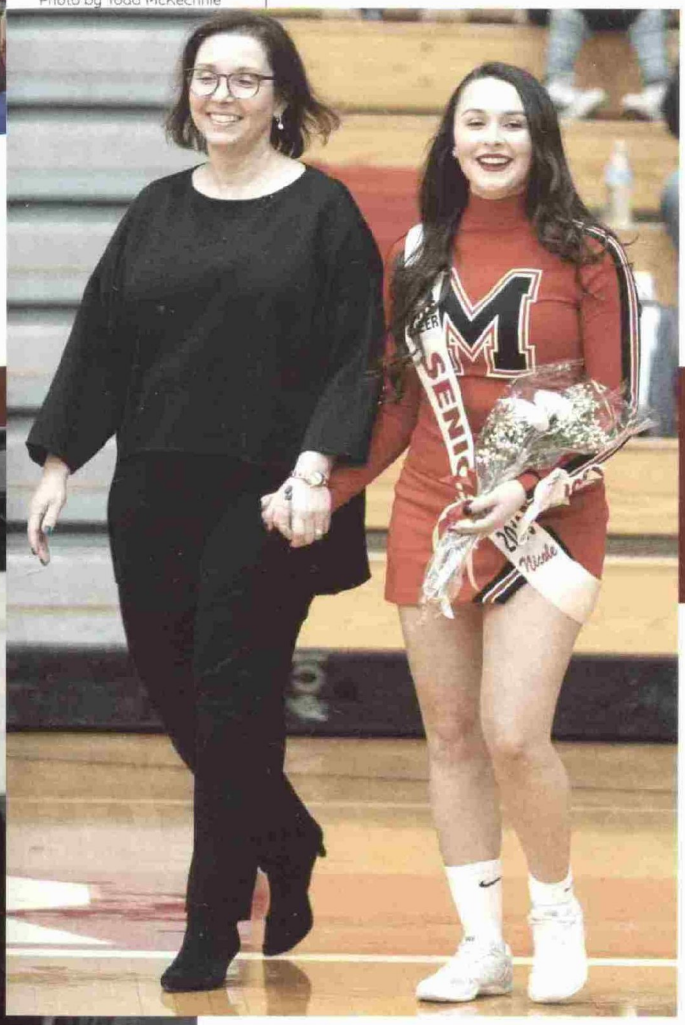


Photo by Vanessa Situ

Helping the speech team prepare for Sectionals, **Ariel Shoriak**, sophomore, gives her peers critics. "I was thinking about how funny my friend's piece was," Ariel said.

Photo by Lana Salahieh

a new wave

You did it. You made it. All your hard work has paid off, but the truth is you couldn't have done it alone, and many people couldn't have done it without you. From August to May, we've made it through high school together. Your NHS tutor helped you get through your freshman English class, and being your tutor helped that senior get their hours for NHS. Through a little bit (okay, let's be honest, a lot) of give and take, we helped each other get there. Regardless of the role you played, from major to minor, you've been a part of someone's story at MHS.

"I was chilling with Ethan (Stewart) one time, and he went to jump over me and his leg got caught under mine and he fell and hit his face." **Desiree Bedolla, 12**

from me

You gave MHS pieces of yourself, and took some of MHS with you along the way. A photo of you is on the new picture mural in the hall outside the main office, and your handwriting will remain etched on the inside cover of your APUSH book. You'll never forget the excitement of watching the Boys' Basketball team win Sectionals, or when Mr. Stepnoski and Mr. Dausch were the stars of the student-faculty dodgeball game. So here's a tangible memory of high school, the place that will always connect us all, **from me to you.**

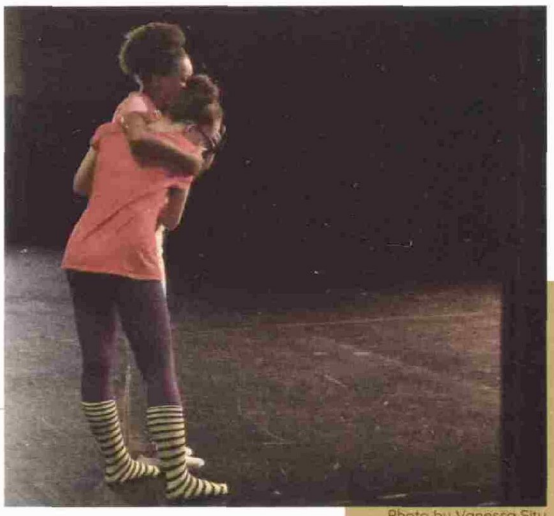
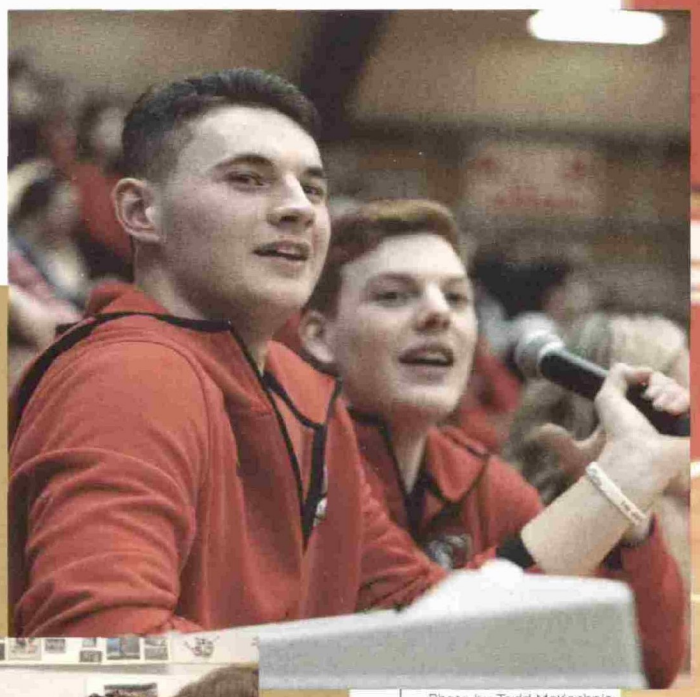


Photo by Vanessa Situ

During rehearsal for A Most Curious Phenomenon, **Myanne Zachary**, freshman, and **Jaida Beasley**, sophomore, hug. "I would like to thank that cast for being so supportive," Jaida said. "I made so many good friends."



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During the Turnabout Pep Rally, **Nick Fies** and **Eric Jerge**, seniors, give commentary during the student-faculty dodgeball game. "Vanessa (Koultourides) came up to us that day and asked us if we wanted to do it because she didn't think she'd be funny enough, and she knew Eric and I were pretty goofy guys," Nick said.

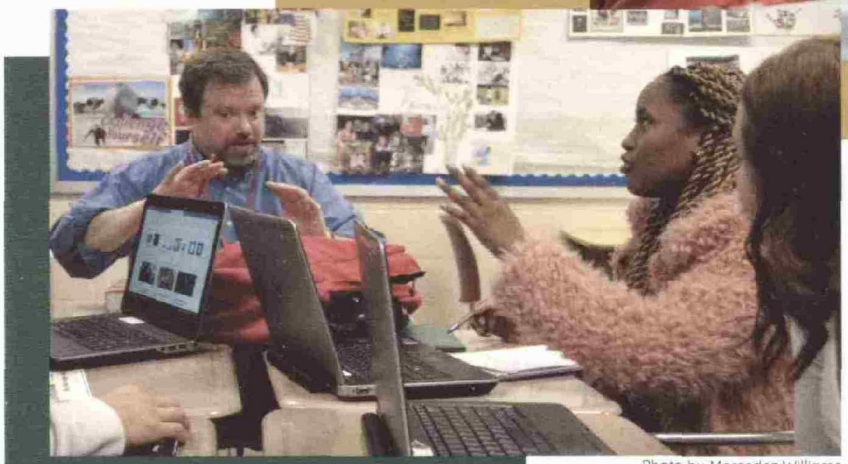


Photo by Mercedez Williams

With students **Imani Kemp** and **Emma Bowers**, juniors, **Mr. Jim McNabney**, English teacher, explains a group assignment for his eight hour class. "We all were matched in this group and we had to read this story and explain what was happening, then we had to write our own story with the group," Emma said.

"One time I was with my friend Will (Grapenthien), and I was playing a video game at the hardest difficulty. We were four hours in and to lighten up the mood, I started playing Christmas music and I got punched multiple times." **Ethan Stewart, 12**

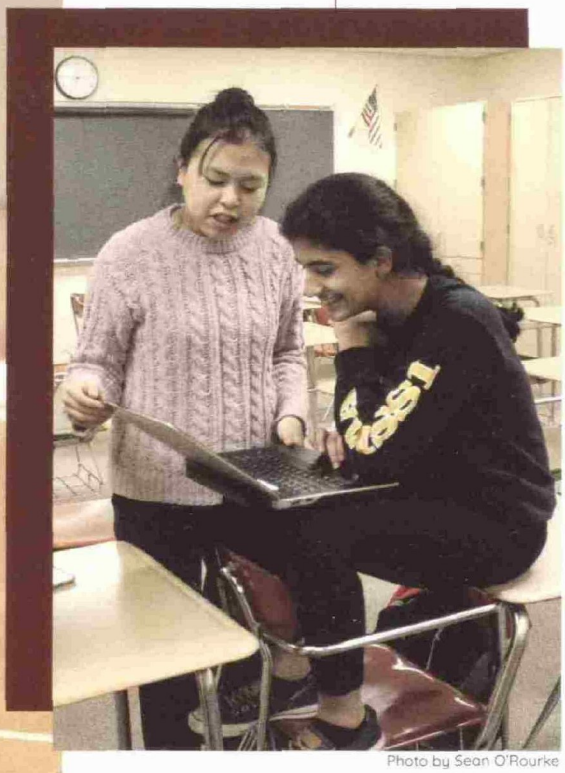
changing
colors

from one year to another, changes and renovations are happening throughout the school thanks to referendum funding. the blues, greens, yellows and reds from the 1996 remodel will eventually be painted over and replaced by a bright Mustang red and white 23 years later.

Giving the crowd a thumbs up, **Eli Nirenburg**, senior, walks across the basketball court with his escort **Wisdom Ibikunle**, senior, before being crowned Turnabout King. "I was really happy because I felt supported and I was excited," Eli said. "(MHS) has given me a place where I can be myself and it has given me a constructive environment where I can figure out what my interests are and who I am."

Photo by Todd McKechnie

Preparing for debate districts, **Maya Kenny**, sophomore, and **Anushka Majety**, freshman, read through their cases. "Although throughout the season I dreaded (waking up) every Saturday morning, my public speaking has definitely improved and being able to come up with responses and work under pressure is a really great skill debate taught me," Anushka said.



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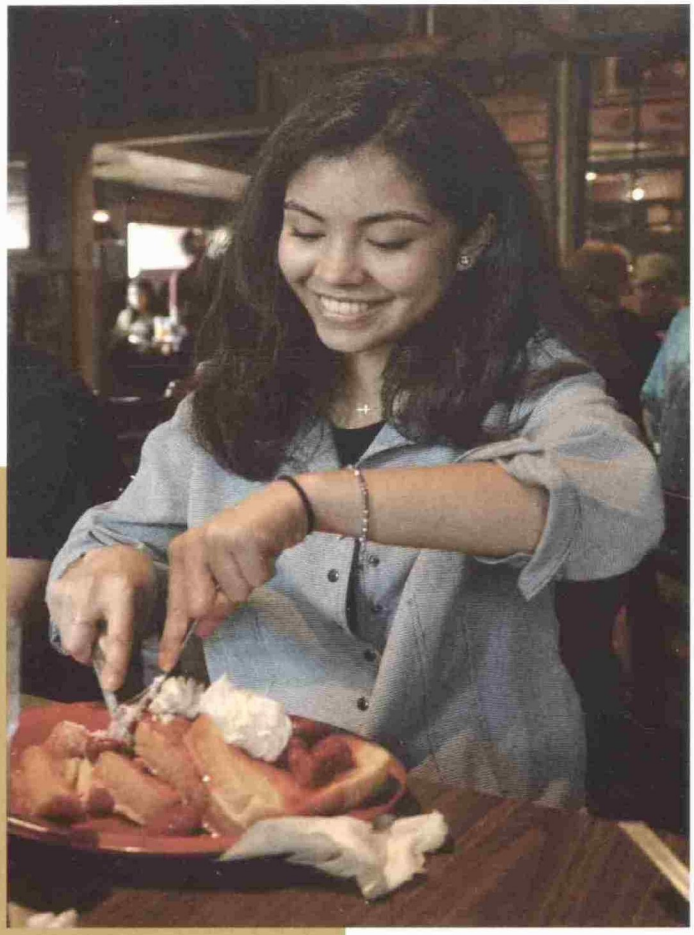
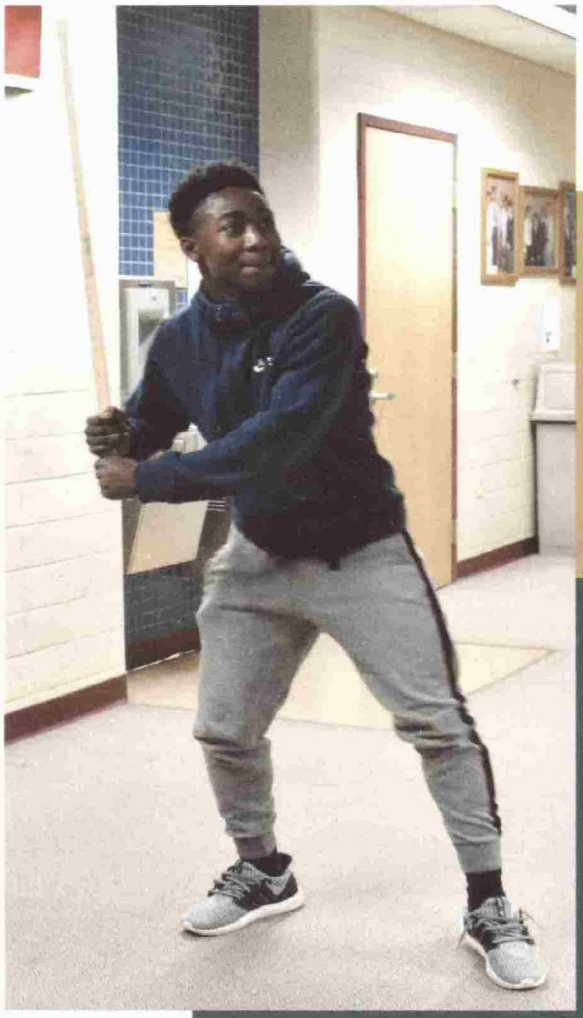
to you

"Ryan Hyland and I were at a sleepover, and Ryan has a very horrible habit of playing cringey Minecraft parody songs at three in the morning. At some point, I was so tired that I just couldn't take it anymore and I tried to punch him. Didn't really work out that well because he's a wrestler, so it was like a toddler punching an MMA fighter." **Will Grapenthien, 12**

from fork to mouth

Eating breakfast at Round the Clock with a group of friends, Viviana Luna, senior, digs into her breakfast. Many students took advantage of the half day for Open House to go out for breakfast. "Nothing could have prepared me for school more than sleeping in and starting my day with my friends," Viviana said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca





from marble to meter stick

Out in the hall, Nana Nnuro-Frimpong, sophomore, holds up his meter stick. He was working on the projectile motion lab for Physics class. "We were trying to hit the marble with the meter stick," Nana said. "It was a pretty hard task." Photo by Vanessa Situ

from cross-examining to case

In the library, Kiari Nero, junior, and Carina Crisan, sophomore, meet for debate practice. The two were helping each other with their cases. "We were having a practice debate round and he was cross-examining my case before his phone rang," Carina said.
Photo by Lana Salahieh

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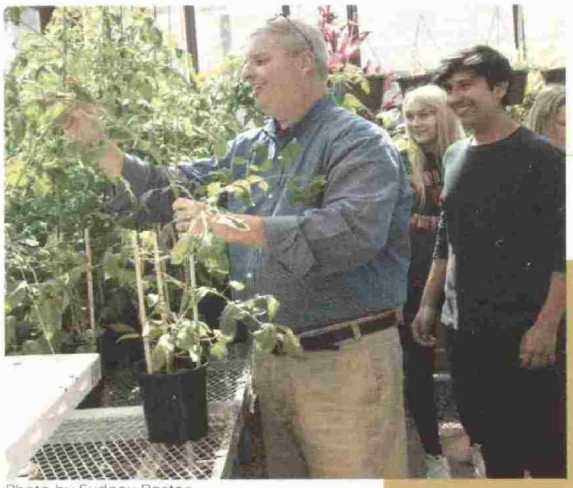

Photo by Sydney Pastor

Mr. Michael Coil, science teacher, teaches **Samantha Kall** and **Joe Pallares**, seniors, in the Greenhouse during Botany.

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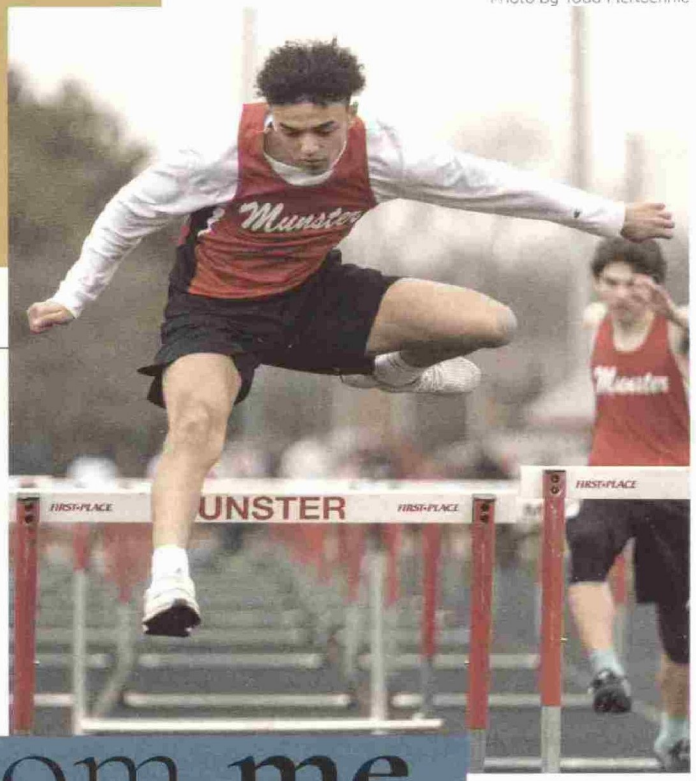

Cesar Castro, sophomore, jumps over a hurdle at a track meet.

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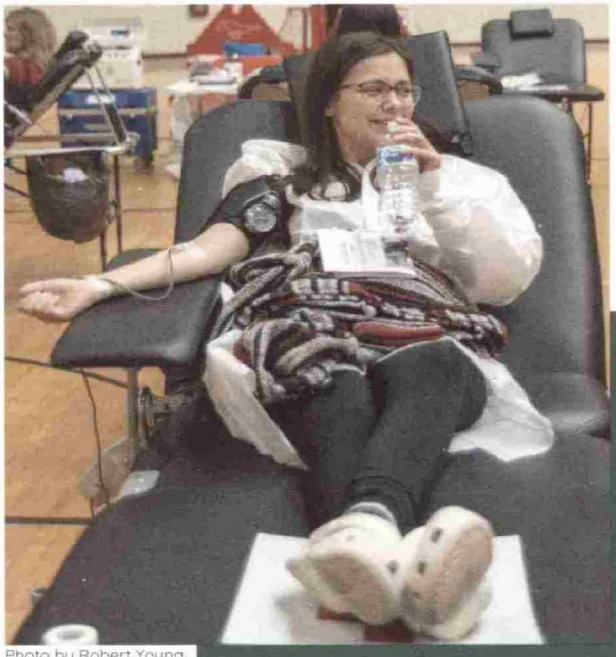


Photo by Robert Young

Jessica Geary, junior, donates blood during Student Government's annual blood drive.

spring supplement

garden party

sophomore Grace Mulcrone details her annual garden

when are you planting?

"I usually plant around the end of April."

why do you like gardening?

"I like gardening because in the summer, when I am just sitting around, I want to go out and water and tend to my garden."

what inspired you to start gardening?

"I wanted to eat healthier and it is better and cheaper than going to the grocery store and buying food."

shell search

Snorkeling, Michael Collins, freshman, holds his GoPro and a sea shell. Michael and his family went to Cancun, Mexico for spring break. "While I was snorkeling I saw a sea turtle, and it was pretty cool," Michael said. Photo by Lauren Kozy

strong senioritis

seniors feel senioritis intensify as the home stretch of the year sets in, especially in spring

what is the worst symptom of senioritis?

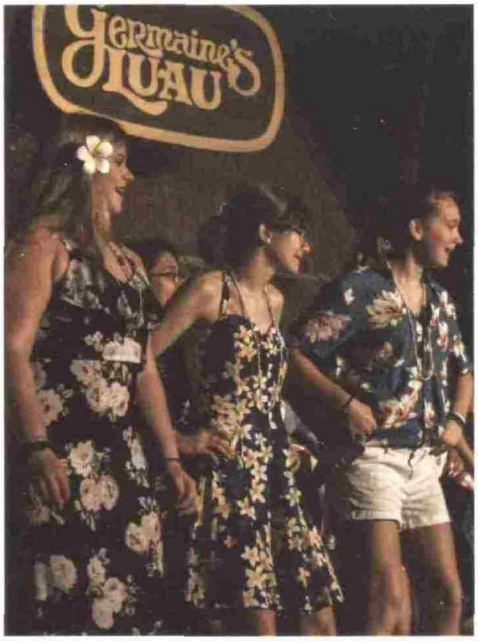
106	lack of motivation
25	dropping grades
17	laziness
8	anxiety for graduation

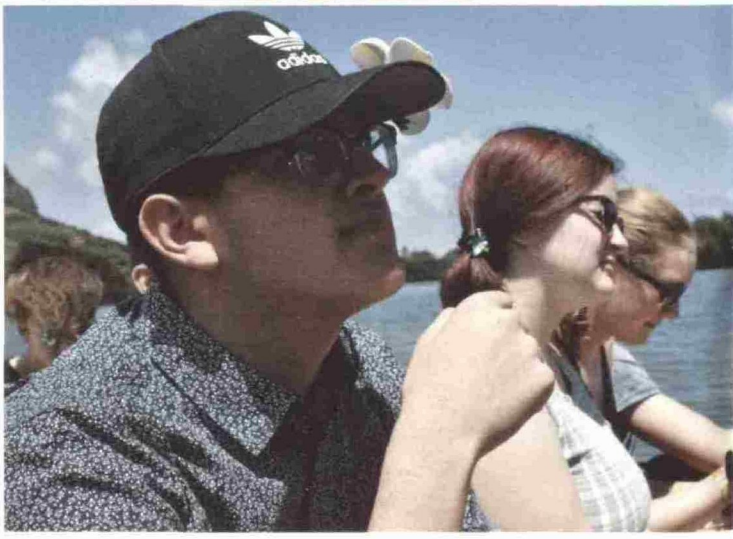
Paragon survey of 156 seniors on Google Forms from March 18-22

wave check

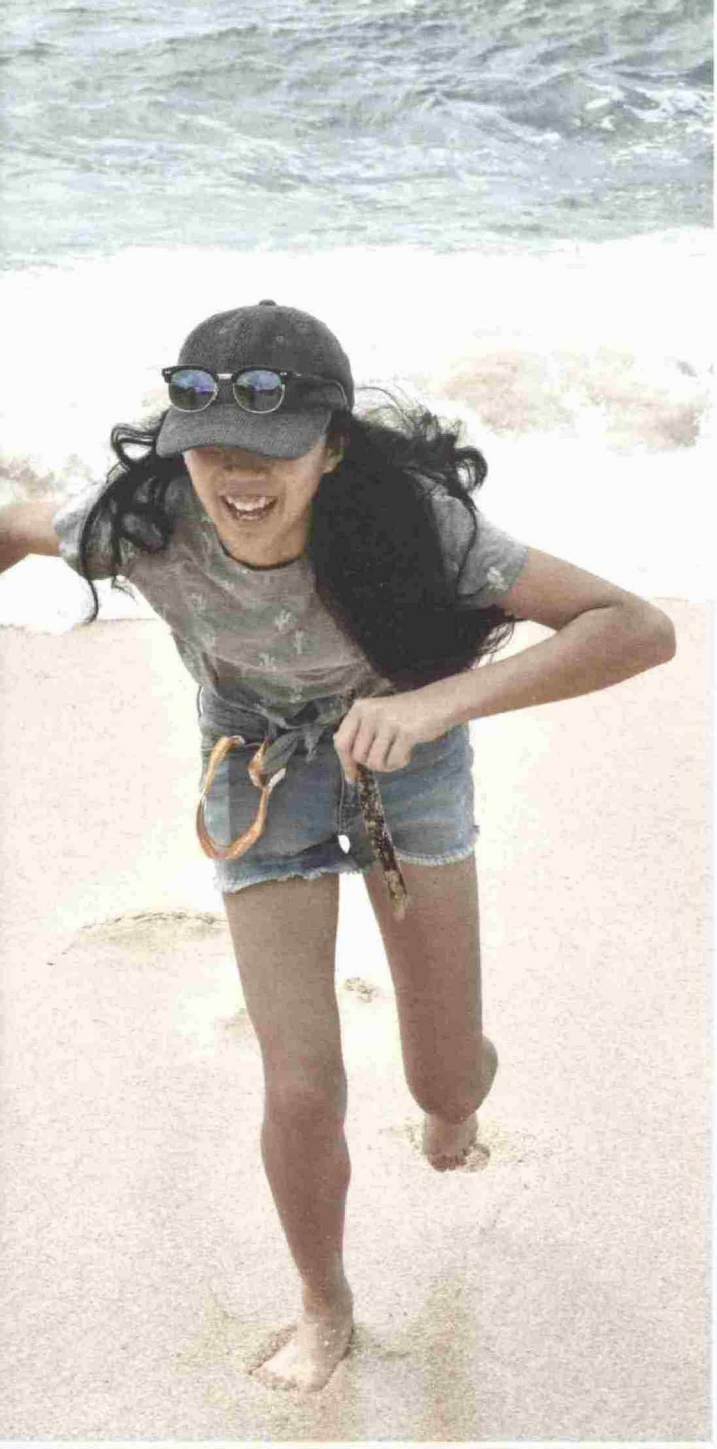
band visits hawaii over spring break to perform at the Pearl Harbor Memorial for a ceremony and enjoy the sun, surf and sand

tiki time Blushing on stage, Maddie Bevil, freshman, Milena Trivunovic, junior, and Mara Trivunovic, freshman, perform a hula dance in Hawaii. This night, any girl who wanted to learn the hula was encouraged to go on stage. "I was thinking about something on the lines of I'll only be able to do this once in my life," Maddie said. **at a glance** Looking at a mountain range, Hector Gomez, sophomore, Maria Barron, sophomore and Ally Barath, freshman, stand on a boat. The band members were listening to a tour guide on a boat coming back from a private island in Hawaii. "I feel that going to some place that you rarely go is such an amazing and grand experience," Hector said. **beach please** Laughing, Iris Gong, freshman, runs away from the waves. The band quickly stopped at a surfing beach to look at the ocean and enjoy the views. "It was fun to run from the water and experience the beach," Iris said. Photos by Lana Salahieh





"I walked in the hallway everyday with Lauren (Slava) to certain classes." **Ryan Hyland, 12**



the hum of spring

contributors of the annual HUM culture fest explain the tradition behind the festival

HUM, a long time tradition, annually takes place during the spring. Although HUM has been around for a significant amount of time, not many people know exactly what HUM is.

"HUM is an Indian Culture Club that aims to normalize and appreciate different cultures," Priyana Reddy, senior and HUM Vice President, said.

Annually, HUM and their members hosts a large event known as HUM night.

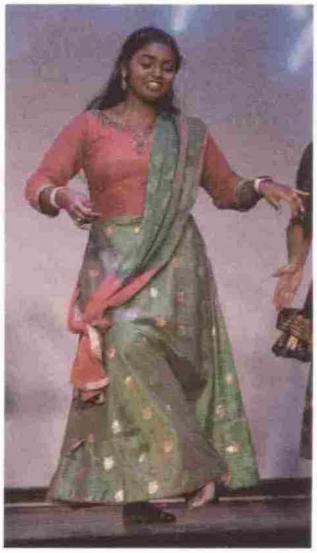
"HUM night is a student lead organization event that is held once a year, every year," Anu Arora, President of HUM and senior, said. "It is a way for students to connect with their culture and share it with other students in their school."

"HUM night is our main outlet for sharing our culture with the rest of the school," Anu said. "Every year at HUM night we put on a bunch of performances, invite all of our friends, eat Indian food, and dance."

HUM night typically involves students from all over the region.

"It involves students from Munster, Lake Central and Chesterton," Anu said.

Although the word HUM is in all caps, it is not an acronym. "HUM is a Hindi word which roughly translates to us," Anu said. "It relates to the whole concept of unity and with that unity members of HUM can help to share our culture with others."



dancing queen

Performing on stage during HUM, Cynthia Chockalingam, sophomore, shows off her traditional dress. Students that attend HUM night wear traditional clothes as part of the celebration. Another part of the celebration includes watching or performing traditional Indian dances. Pictured above, Cynthia is wearing a sari, a draping cloth that can be worn in many different ways. Photo by Todd McKechnie

What song reminds you of spring?

"Act up by City Girls."
Sean Kimble, 9

"Pocket Full of Sunshine by Natasha Bedingfield"
Anne Gilhooly, 9

"Sun Tan City by Luke Bryan"
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher

"Centerfield by John Fogerty"
Bradley Bieniak, 10

"It's Raining Men by The Weather Girls"
Erin Crawford, 12

on the dock

Leaning off of a dock, Peter Gallagher and Emily Malave, juniors, point at some fish. The band went to Hawaii during spring break to perform at Pearl Harbor.
Photo by Lana Salahieh

"I saw Jenny Garcia everyday in Microbiology." Lauren Slavo, 11

winter warm-up

Georgiana Manojlovic, freshman, describes Winter Guard's warm up stretches

splits

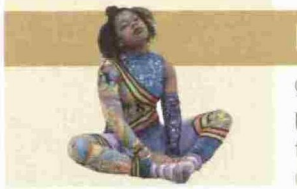
go down as far as possible and put your nose to your knee

photo of Isabel Rodriguez, sophomore

foot flex

put one leg behind you, one leg in front, flex your foot and hold

photo of Arianne Sadural, senior



head roll

go into butterfly position, bring head to feet, back up and roll it

photo of Krysten Caradine, freshman

photos by Vanessa Situ
content provided by Georgiana Manojlovic, freshman

show your colors

On the bus to circuit finals, Isabel Rodriguez, sophomore, puts on her show makeup. Due to time constraints, the guard often had to do their hair and makeup on the bus. "The intention for this year's winter guard makeup was to look like a peacock," Isabel said. "We used various shades of blue, green, and purple to match our costumes. We also used eyeliner to outline our nose to make it imitate a peacock beak."

Photo by Vanessa Situ

speaking of state

the speech team dominated at state by taking home several top three titles

first place

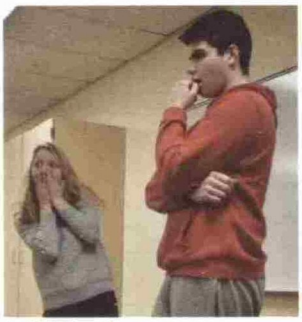
Cynthia Chockalingam
Jack Sullivan & Michael McDunn
Maya Radjenovich

second place

Emma Higgason
Imani Brown
Alyssa Nahnsen & Sami Muhrez

third place

Ben Peters & Nate Rodenburg
Charlie Mason
Imani Brown
Jaclyn Webber
Nate Rodenburg



hold the drama

Prepping for districts, Alyssa Nahnsen and Sami Muhrez, juniors, practice their drama piece. "I like drama because it can be funny yet serious at the same time, and it always has an underlying message," Alyssa said.

Photo by Vanessa Situ

put to the test

Sammy Fuller, freshman, describes how he felt trying out for Academic Super Bowl team

round 1 elimination

- cut of 30 people
- "I felt less comfortable in this round because I had less time to study."

round 2 placement

- cut teams into three
- "I felt pretty confident with myself, I knew most of the answers. I was able to study the math section a couple weeks before the test."

in focus

Sammy Fuller, freshman, focuses on his tryout math test.

Photo by Sean O'Rourke

"Everytime I saw George (Sudar) in the hallway, he was always T-posing." **Jenny Garcia, 11**

flying high

Story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

winter percussion describes how they got first in state for the second year in a row, and why it is special

Come December, Winter Percussion begins practice and never seems to stop. With practices three times a week competitions every weekend, there is no secret why they are successful. Being the defending state champs put a lot of pressure on the percussionists, but they turned it into a reason to work hard.

"Our practices are all very disciplined," Javaughn Richards, senior, said. "We are all very serious and want to succeed together."

They went into their state competition to perform their three songs with high hopes, but they originally fell short with a second place title.

"Our group this year was very young so I was still very proud of our performance," Milena Trivunovic, said. "But I will not lie, I was somewhat disappointed."

It was not until after they arrived home from the competition that they were informed there may have been a discrepancy with the judging.

"We were all confused because of the e-mail we received that said that something might change about the place we got," Leah Nozick, freshman, said.

They then had an meeting where they were awarded their first place title.

Plainfield High School, who had originally gotten first, had been disqualified because the director had them compete in a lower class than they were ranked.

"It was an amazing feeling to be bumped up and be awarded first place," Leah said. "But I did feel bad for the students at Plainfield because it was not their fault, and they worked hard too."

final run-through

During warm-up for Winter Guard, Caleb Erke, senior, runs through his routine with his team. They unpacked their equipment to have a final practice run. "I used to feel nervous before competitions but since I am a senior they are just really fun," Caleb said. Photo by Vanessa Situ

How do you calm your nerves when performing?

"I definitely need to focus on my breathing. I do a lot of meditation exercises. I like to run through it before first round just to make sure I have it all in my head, but most of it is just being there and making sure your breath is steady."

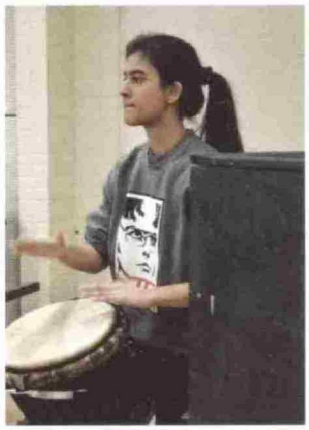
Robyn DeJoan, 9

"Normally before performing, I'm with all my friends and were waiting in line. Talking about it and going over the work with others really do help. They make you feel more secure and calm your nerves."

Claire Powell, 11

"The biggest thing for me is calm breathing. I try to listen to slower music that I can breathe with. Also I try to remind myself that no matter what happens I'm still going to live through it, which sounds ridiculous but helps with not catastrophizing things."

Catie Gilhooly, 12



we are family Practicing before state, Natalia Coronel-Espinal, junior, focuses on her keyboard. She plays in both the Marching Band and winter percussion. "I like winter percussion a lot more because of how small and close we are," Natalia said. "We are like a family." **for the love of djembe** during rehearsal, Anushka Majety, freshman, plays the djembe. She started playing because she was assigned an easier instrument by the director. "I love Winter Percussion for so many reasons," Anushka said. "One of them is for the environment, and the people." **early morning jams** At 6 a.m. , Nova Dillon and Leah Nozick, freshmen, practice before Winter Percussion state. They did one final full run through. "I was extremely tired," Leah said. "But I was very excited to compete." Photos by Vanessa Situ

"Gabe (Harq) is one of my homies and he's cool" George Sudar, 12

you can't stop the beat

Story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

the story of the spring musical, "Hairspray"

The theater company produced the show "Hairspray" in the spring. The show starred Cali Grzybowski in the role of Tracy Turnblad. Cali had many ideas regarding how to play her character.

"I was very similar to Tracy in real life, so it was not the hardest kind of character to get in the mindset of," Cali said. "In the movie, the actor who played her played Tracy really cheesy. In the show, I wanted to make her a more realistic character so that she was more relatable."

The play also highlighted important themes.

"This play touched on a lot of issues subtly, but the main issue was the civil rights movement," Cali said. "(The show) portrayed the message of equality. It doesn't matter what you look like, what kind of body type you have, or what your personality is. If you are dedicated enough to put hard work into what you want to do in life, then you can accomplish anything."

> "it doesn't matter what you look like ... you can accomplish anything"
> - Cali Grzybowski

In the story of "Hairspray," Tracy meets Seaweed J. Stubbs, who was played by Amanda Beaudouin, junior.

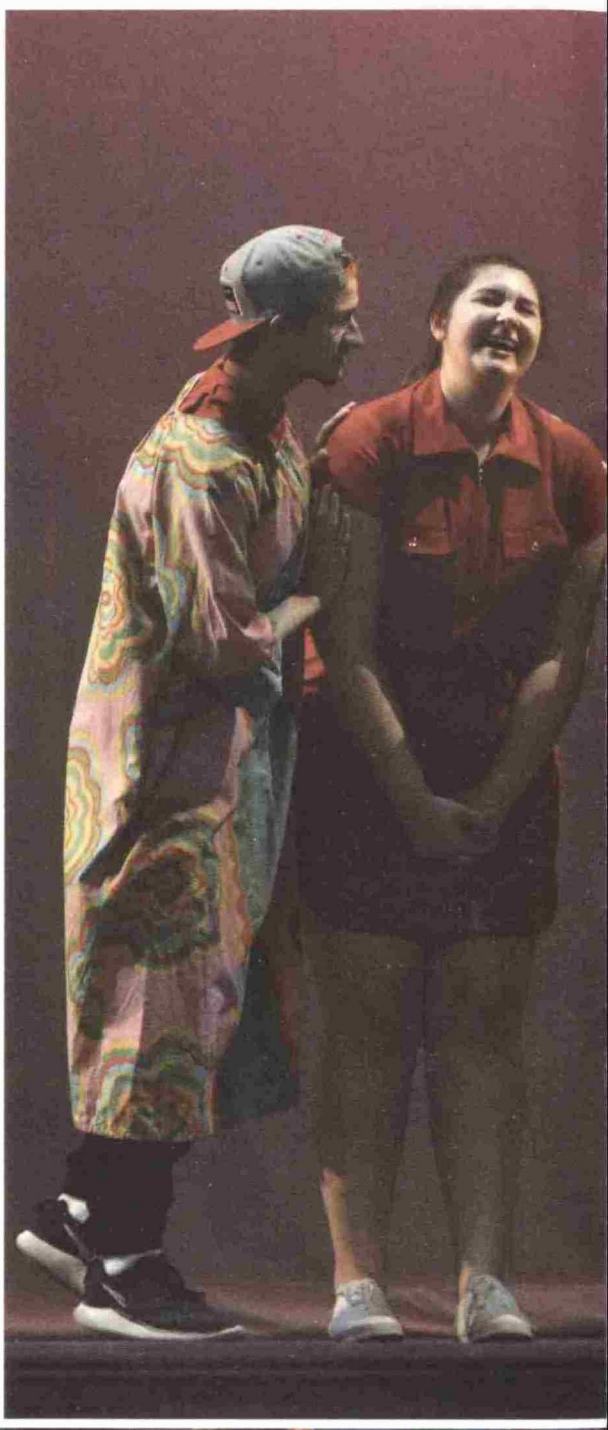
"Seaweed was a black boy," Amanda said. "He was one of the main characters and he befriended Tracy Turnblad, who was white. This was during the time of segregation, so their friendship was unlikely."

Although Seaweed is a male character and his actor Amanda was female, Amanda only felt that this made the role more interesting for herself.

"(Playing Seaweed) was really fun because he was so cool and it was just so opposite from what I am. It was a very fun adventure for me to learn how to play a boy role," Amanda said.

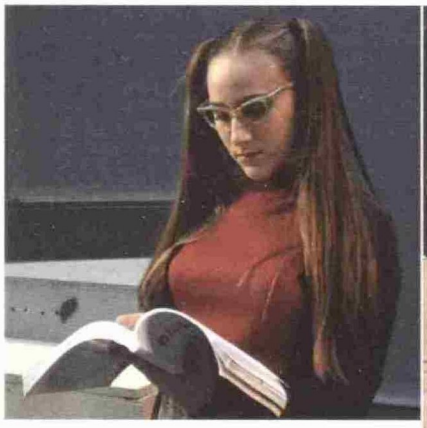
However, getting into character was not easy for Amanda. There were special warm-ups that she did in order to become Seaweed for the performances.

"I had to do a lot of 'boy exercises' like walking around like a boy, which was completely different than walking around like a girl," Amanda said. "When walking like a girl, I had to lead with my head. But walking like a guy, I lead from my lower body, so you have to slouch more. The role was really different but it was really fun."



get into the groove

On stage, Ben Peters and Cali Grzybowski, seniors, act with Andrew Wittkamp, sophomore. At first, Ben felt unexperienced for his role, Edna Turnblad, the mother of Tracy Turnblad, who was played by Cali. "There was really no way for me to prepare for (the role) because I had never played a woman before," Ben said. Photo by Lana Salahieh

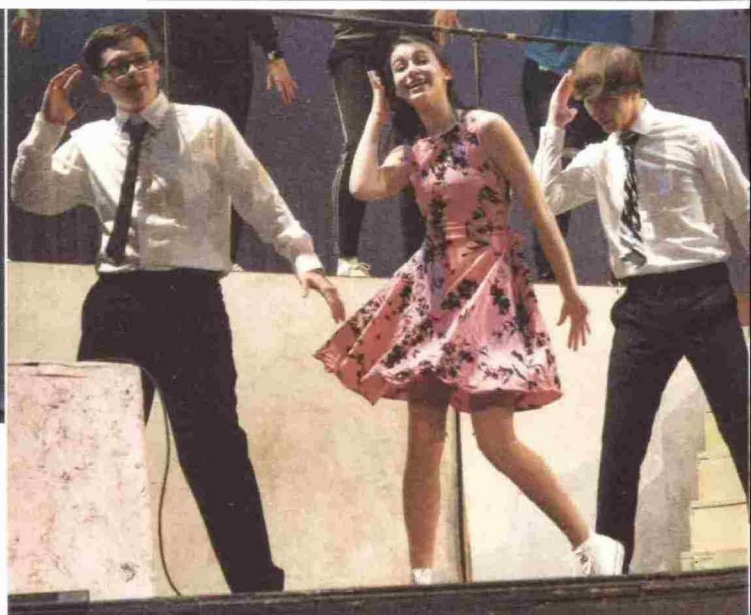


reading machine

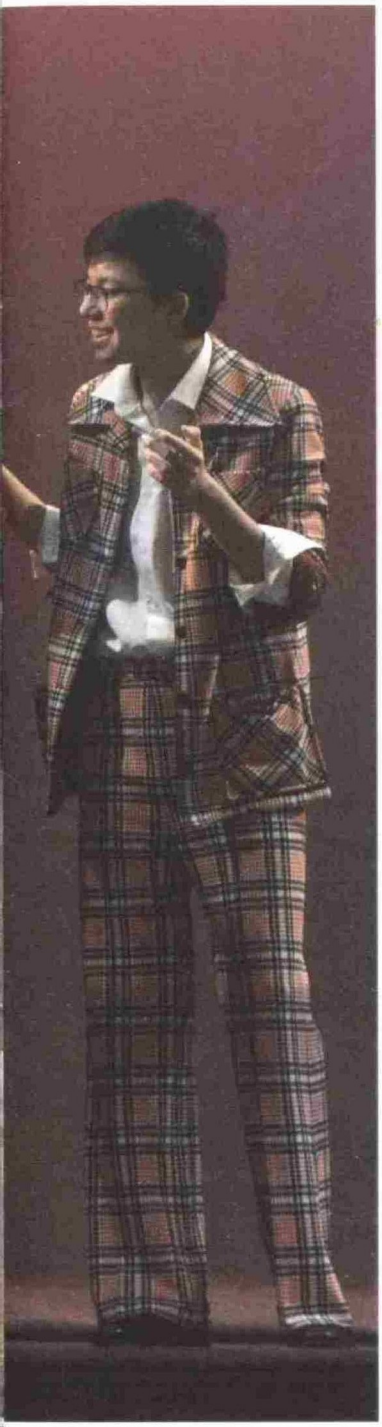
Peering over her script, Claire Powell, junior, practices her lines. In her costume, she felt connected to her character, Penny. "When you act with the costumes on, it's a whole other vibe because you are fully your character," Claire said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn

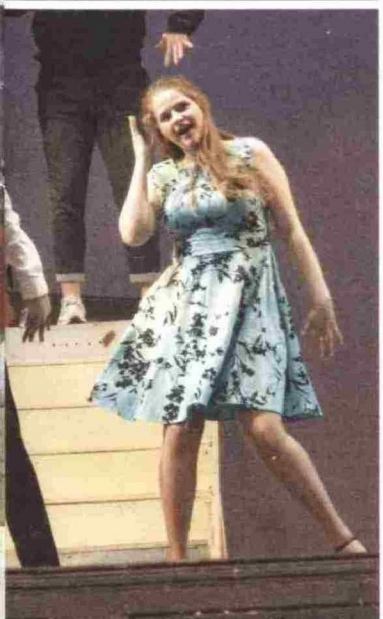
just dance

On stage, James Shelton, junior, Robyn DeJoan, freshman, Adam Mohrs, junior, and Emma Powell, sophomore practice dance moves for "Hairspray." The dance was the "Nicest Kids in Town Dance." "It is a little bit harder to do because the dance is syncopated, which means that it's off the beat of the music," James said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn



"I'll never forget the day that I passed out in (Luke Southwell's) bathtub at (his) house. It was really fun and everyone thought that I was dead. It was a really nice night. I appreciated it." **Gabe Haro, 12**





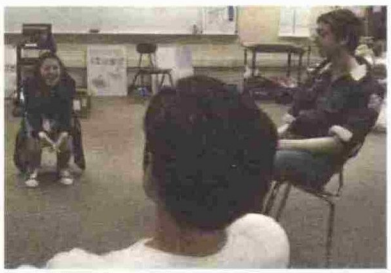
fast friends

the numbers behind STAND and GSA's Diversity Dinner event

11 people attended

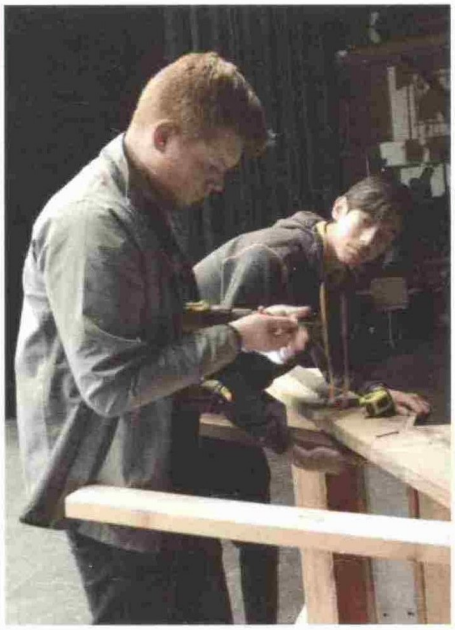
3.5 hours spent

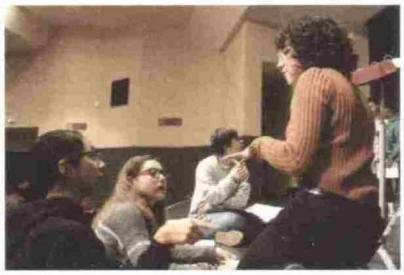
countless memories made



hip hip, charades!

Emily Guerrero, George Fischer, and Lucas Alvarez-Carey, sophomores, play charades. Charades was one of the many fun activities that the Diversity Dinner's attendees participated in. Photo by Chynna Vaughn





setting the stage

Advising, Ariel Velasco, junior, helps Maria Ramos, freshman, and Ariana Casas, junior. As student director, Ariel juggled many tasks. "I reread the scripts to see I missed anything," Ariel said. "I also worked on character development." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

stair-ing contest

For the set of "Hairspray," Logan Radwan, junior, and Francis Hovland, sophomore, build a set of stairs. The pair had never made stairs in years prior. "It was nice to do something different." Photo by Vanessa Situ

What do you like to do with members of your club?

"Well I'm in band so I like to make some music."
Aleksandar Ilijevski, 9

"I like to joke around with them, like coming up with stuff like random jokes."
Mateo Bedolla, 9

"I like to talk about the crafts that my friends and I made in French club."
Jenai Panora, 10

"I like it when Student Government gives back to organizations like we did for the Riley Children's Hospital for Battle of the Bands. That was a great opportunity to be a part of."
Nick Peirick, 12

"In Spanish club we get to go on field trips to places like Chicago and see theatres and stuff."
Alina Arzumanian, 12

"I'm in CEC and my friends and I get to spend time with each other. We like to brainstorm and bounce ideas off of each other."
Emily Kotvasz, 12

green party

students discuss the tree planting in the main courtyard for Project Green initiative

mulch enthusiasm Helping one another on the chilly morning of March 30 for Project Green's main courtyard tree planting, Seneca Benford and Cynthia Chockalingam, sophomores, lay down a bag of mulch. For the pair, the work was almost recreational. "The best part of gardening was seeing the plants grow," Seneca said. "(Gardening) is not hard. You just have to keep up with it, and even that isn't hard." **sticks and stones** Hard at work in the courtyard, Stephen Heritage, sophomore, moves and takes dirt off of bricks. Stephen saw the event as an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone. "We were helping through my scout troop and it helped me to get service hours," Stephen said. "Also the school needed it done so it was good to help." **green thumb** Lending a helping hand, Mr. Mike Wells, principal, plants a tree. This year, the school entered the second of five parts in Project Green's five-year plan. "We had about thirty people there," Mr. Wells said. "It was great to see everyone turn out and it was really enjoyable having everyone be a part of the project."
Photos by Sean O'Rourke

"One time, I said to Brendan Olson, 'What's good man,' and then it became one of our inside jokes."Luke Southwell, 11

strike up the band

the bands Crisp Fifty and Free Ice Cream fight for this year's battle title

the ballads of battle

Ethan Stewart, senior, explains the songs on Crisp Fifty's setlist

Gypsy Fred

"'Gypsy Fred' was the first example of me trying to create meaningful music. I remember coming home one day and thinking 'I'm going to write this song and I'm not going to stop until I do', and that was the result."

My Advice

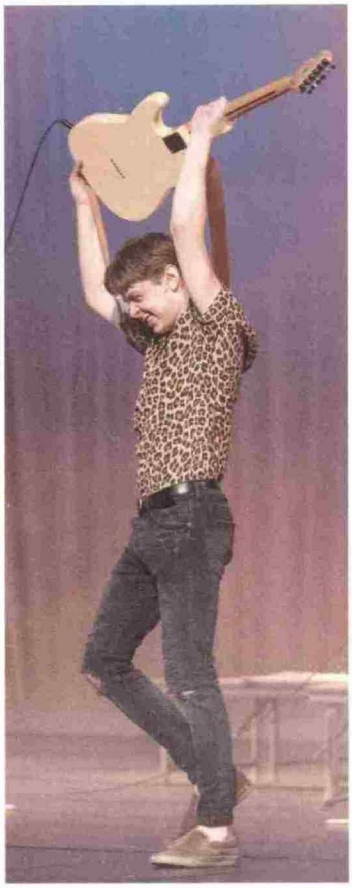
"'My Advice' was very important to me back in the day when I wrote it because I went to L.A. to record a demo and that was going to be a kickstarter for an album I wanted to create and that was going to be the first song."

Boldest Love

"'Boldest Love' was a cover of Jimi Hendrix and that song has always been, basically since I first heard it, my favorite guitar song. There is something about the flow, the structure, the tone, it's perfect. And I wanted to pay a tribute to the man himself, Mr. Jimi Hendrix, for making me want to play guitar."

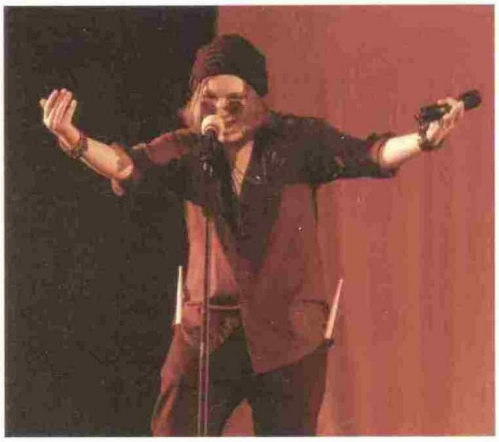
guitar hero

Guitar above his head, Ethan Stewart, senior, shows off his skills. Ethan was lead singer and guitarist for Crisp Fifty. "When we played Battle, it felt like everything we had been culminating to because before, we had been sporadically jamming for three years and not really taking anything seriously," Ethan said. Photo by Todd McKechnie



eager eyes

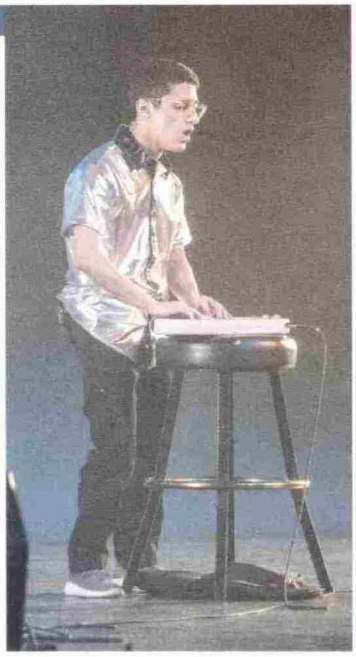
Hyping up the crowd, Gabe Haro, senior, gets ready to perform with his band Crisp Fifty. Gabe also performed as a solo act and won the talent portion of Battle. "It wasn't until the week before Battle that I decided Mr. Brightside, but it came down to it because I felt like it would have the most impact on the audience," Gabe said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

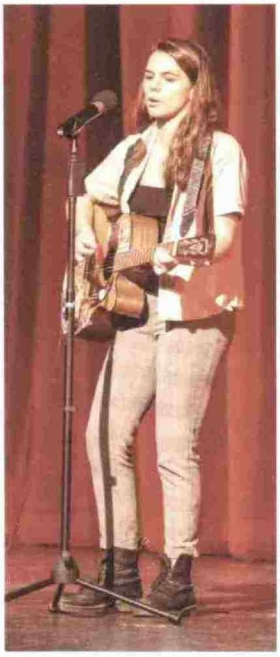


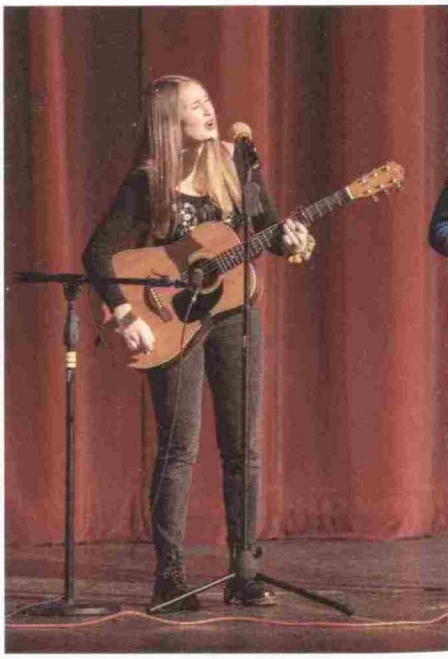
sing up a storm

students showcase their musical talents in solo performances

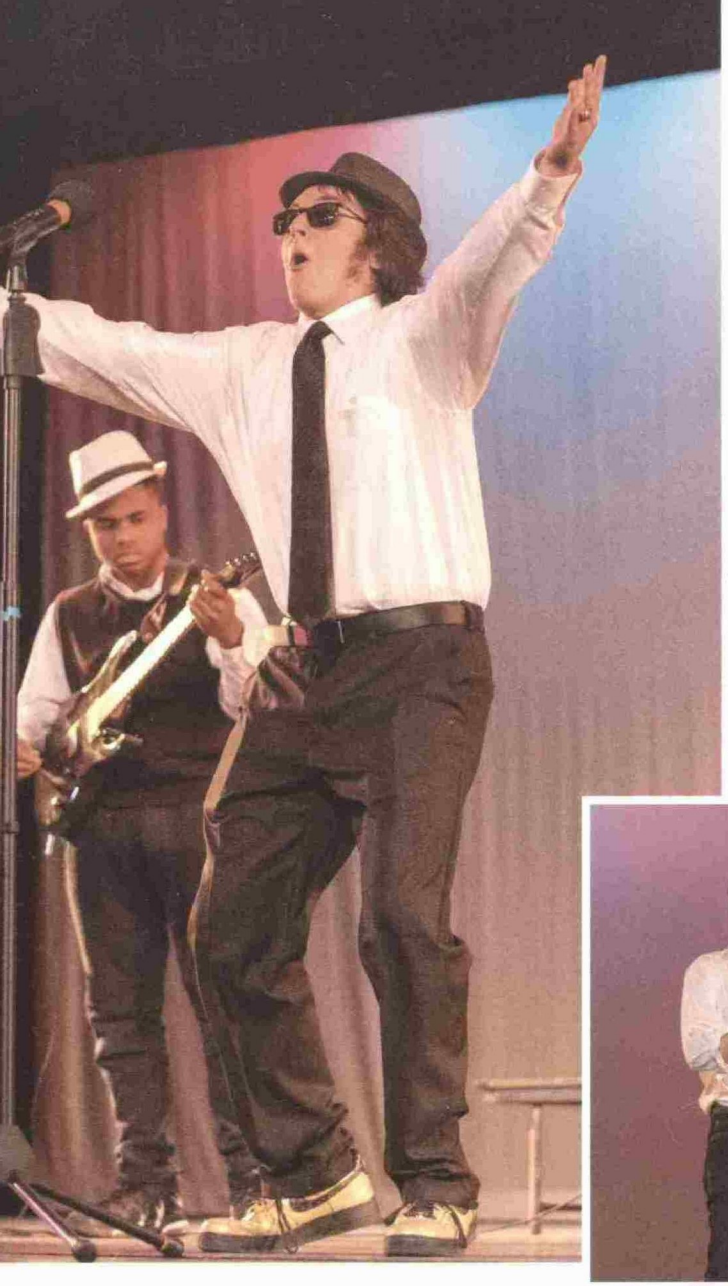
the ruler Playing his omnichord, Joe Bellaheen, senior, performs as Siroc. "I think that my musical alter ego is sort of my character foil," Joe said. "I liked to consider all different routes before I take action, while Siroc is all about just being in the moment." **light up** Strumming her guitar, Mimi Brody, senior, sings "This Must Be the Place" by Talking Heads. "It was nice because it was something I told myself I would do since freshman year, so it was good to finally do it." **dynamic duo** Together, Mira Fefferman and Ethan Lieser, juniors, play their guitars. They sang "Santeria" by Sublime and "Something" by The Beatles. **powerhouse** Singing "Pretty Hurts" by Beyoncé, Cali Grzybowski, senior, shows off her vocals. "I chose that song because I've had past issues with body image and self confidence, so it was a very meaningful song to me," Cali said. Photos by Todd McKechnie







"I've been talking to Meli Chioros recently and then she said that her finsta was smellymeli and I call her smeli." **Brendan Olson, 11**



funky fedoras Mid act, Henry Sklar, junior, engages the crowd. He sang "Minnie the Moocher" by The Blues Brothers. His band, Free Ice Cream, went on to win Battle of the Bands. "Free Ice Cream is an experience," Henry said. "Our band wants to be like 'free ice cream' in the sense that we want everyone to have fun, and have a good time enjoying the music." Photo by Todd McKechnie

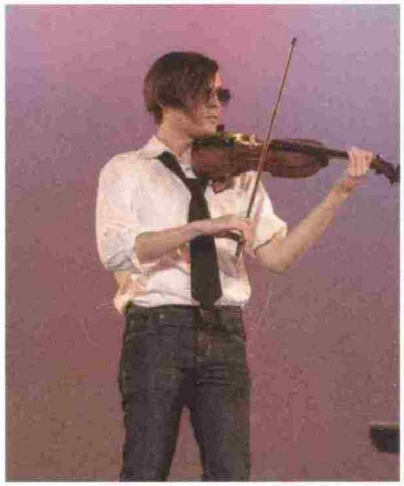
What is your favorite band?

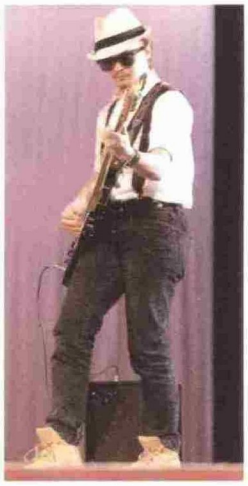
"Big Time Rush because it brings me back to my childhood." **Lindsey Reda, 9**

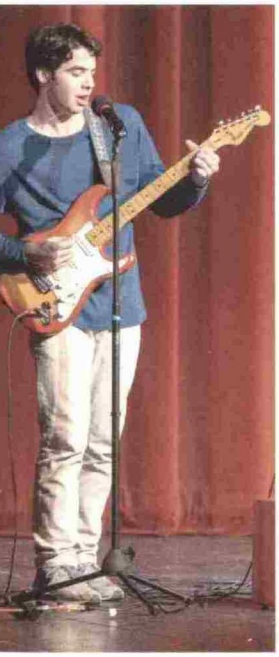
"The Jonas Brothers because they came back and they're even cuter and I like their new song." **Maha Alshamaileh, 9**

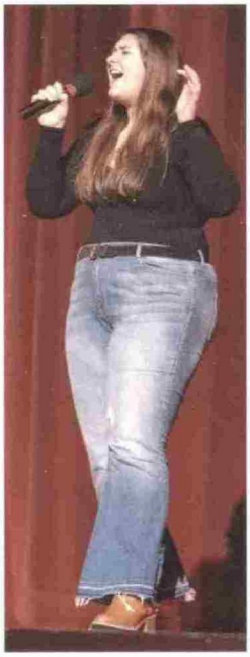
"I like this country band called Old Dominion. All their songs have good memories tied to it because it reminds me of a road trip I went on to California." **Samantha Kall, 12**

"It changes all the time, but currently it's Tame Impala because their music always de-stresses me and their songs are unique." **Erin Paskewicz, 12**









fiddle away With his violin, Nikolai Hoogewerf, junior, plays his heart out on the Battle stage. "I like how (the violin) was a channel to the soul," Nikolai said. "Whenever you were feeling emotional, whether it was anger or happiness, you could play it into the instrument and it comes out so beautifully." **sing it** Singing with her band, Milena Trivunovic, junior, performs at Battle. "I loved when Henry went up to sing Minnie the Moocher and I got to play piano," Milena said. "Everyone was really, really excited about that piece because we were all super into it and it was really fun and kind of silly that we did it." **hat trick** With a fedora and sunglasses, Shane Hoogewerf, junior, rocks out on his bass guitar. "My favorite part was definitely when Henry stepped up to sing Minnie the Moocher," Shane said. "It was kind of a curve ball. No one thought it would go that great but it was fantastic." **blues brothers** Brass instruments in hand, Michael Van Deursen, junior, and Javaughn Richards, senior, jazz out. "I liked being up on the stage with my friends and engaging the crowd," Javaughn said.
Photos by Todd McKechnie

"One time my friends Gillian Bedenk, Mary Elizabeth Calgaro and Alayna Eismin got bored and decided to go to Sip. We got there and saw that they had board games. We ended up sitting there for a good five hours playing and we all ended up getting mad at each other." **Meli Chioros, 11**

off the wall

Viviana Luna, senior, and Grace Rau, junior, explain the inspiration behind their designs for the Vans custom culture competition

inspiration

Lake Michigan and Chicago's rivers

why?

Water resembles the ability to grow. Strength and the importance of growth are both lessons that Chicago taught me.

inspiration

Vans slogan "off the wall"

why?

Vans makes most of their stuff for people who skateboard so I wanted to incorporate that while keeping it simple

windy city wear

Viviana Luna, senior, designed based off Chicago for the Vans Custom Culture competition. "I made the shoes vibrant and colorful because I knew that the topics I covered were not something to be ignored," Viviana said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

sk8er boi style

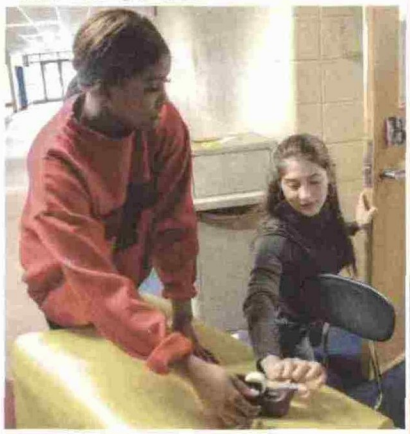
Grace Rau, junior, designed Vans based on skateboard culture. "It was awesome to see the shoes come to life the more and more I worked," Grace said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

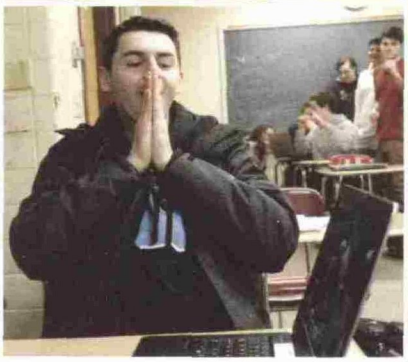
school rivalry

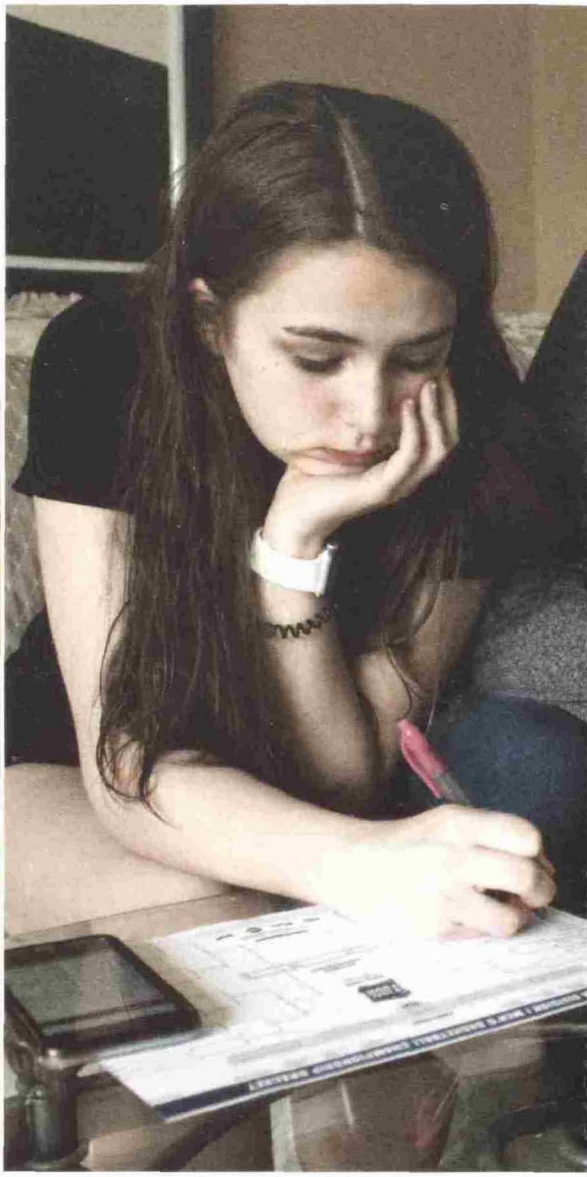
Seniors Kennedy Clark and Bella Buono decorate Mr. Michael Gordon's, government teacher, door during MRT. "I thought it was a really good way to show school spirit," Kennedy said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

on the daily

While in pre-calculus, Michael Svolos, junior, gasps at a play. "The last two minutes of a close game in March Madness was the most exciting thing to watch in sports," Michael said. Photo by Chloe Lambert







If you could live in any cinematic universe, what would it be and why?

"I would want to live in Robots because their technology is very advanced and it seems like a fun place." **Josh Foreit, 11**

"Star Wars because I want to traverse the universe." **Mark Caraher, 10**

"Spongebob because I think it's a good show." **Peter Hwang, 9**

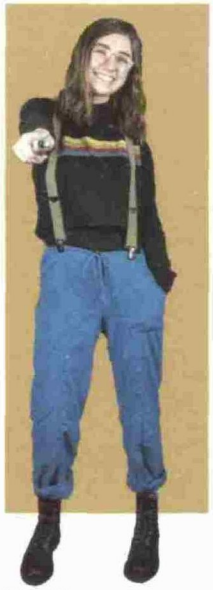
"I would live in the X-Men universe because it would be awesome to have powers." **Hazel Wolf, 11**

meet the doctor

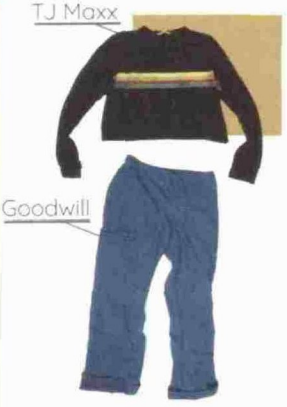
Hope Meierkort, junior, cosplays as the female doctor from Dr. Who

"I thought (that the doctor being female) impacted me most because it was so controversial and so many people took it as either an attack or as a replacement of the concept of the show because every doctor had been male up until now. There was this really strong sense of female empowerment that came with it without saying that being a man was bad. I thought a lot of people claimed the female doctor was a good role model for younger girls, but I thought she was really a good role model for everyone. The whole concept of the show was that there weren't boundaries, so to claim that a female doctor was out of the ordinary really wasn't true. I felt like the doctor was the ideal person without being the perfect person."

Photos by Chloe Lambert and Todd McKechnie

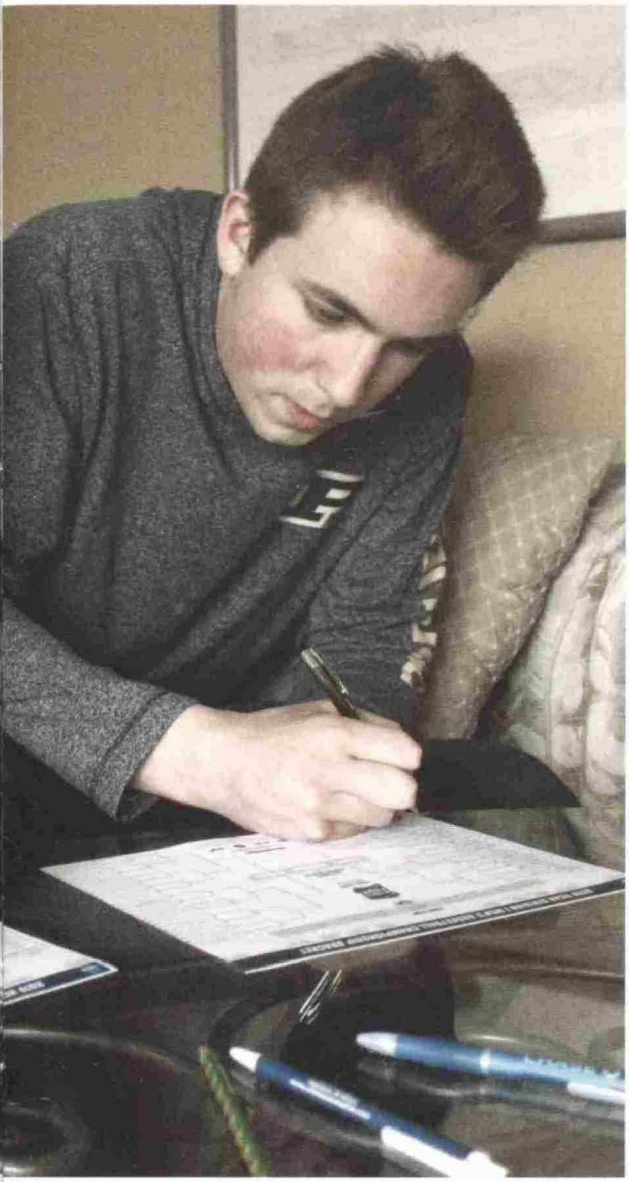


The Thirteenth Doctor from Dr. Who



"I felt the most connected to the doctor as a character out of most of the things I've seen, just because of the possibility the character brought."

"My friend Ben Blaesing enjoyed hitting us with carrots at lunch and one day he hit someone's backpack. The girl looked up really confused and we all just sat there laughing." **Gillian Bedenk, 11**



'tis the season

students participate in march madness competition

Story by Abbey Burris

March Madness, a college basketball tournament, took place March 19 to April 8. It featured 64 NCAA teams from all across the country, each battling to be the champion. As a part of this tradition, many students took place in bracket competitions and watch parties with friends, eagerly anticipating this year's winner.

Cole Portone, junior, explained why he enjoyed this time of year.

"Every year, I looked forward to the hype," Cole said. "The underrated teams, especially in the tournament; the eight and nine seeds always going at each other, it was just so exciting. I definitely thought that this year was one of the best seasons I had ever seen."

Some students even had the opportunity to win money. PJ Katona's, junior, pool reached nearly $2,000, which would be given to the person who's bracket was closest to perfect.

"We started doing this big family pool in about 2010," PJ said. "Over time, it became this huge event that we did with friends. The whole thing meant a lot to me. It happened only once a year."

Another part of March Madness was the sense of community shared by participants. Benjamin Greiner, sophomore, spent time with his friends throughout the duration of the tournament.

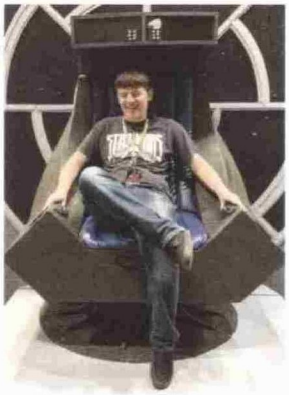
"This time of the year just brought everyone together," Benjamin said. "We were all watching the same game and all supporting similar teams, all hoping that our teams would win and that our brackets would be good."

road to victory

Preparing for the tournament to come, Maddie Kozy and Caleb McKeever, juniors, fill in their brackets. The pair took care to research the teams beforehand to improve their chances. "March Madness was like Christmas to me," Caleb said. "I got excited for it every year and it was even better this year." Photo by Chloe Lambert

into the galaxy

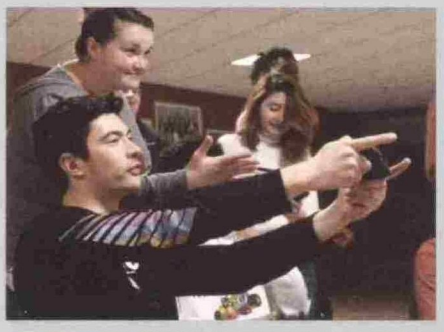
James Ashcraft, senior, celebrates at the Star Wars Celebration convention



"I went because I was a huge fan of the whole Star Wars universe. I had watched the movie for as long as I could remember. There were a lot of people dressed up and a lot of excitement. It was amazing to see how everyone was brought together by a common interest."

return of the emperor

Sitting in Emperor Palpatine's chair, James Ashcraft, senior, celebrates the release of the teaser trailer for "The Rise of Skywalker." James went to Star Wars Celebration in Chicago to celebrate the beloved franchise. "I loved to collect Star Wars t-shirts," James said. "I guess you could say I found a lot of t-shirts that would make a fine addition to my collection."
Photo by Kammy Moore



new to the game

eSports opens their new arena and invites students to celebrate

watch and learn

Triumphant, Jaedon Barrientez, senior, finishes playing Mario Kart at the eSports tournament as Mrs. Sarah Adams, foods teacher, watches on. "It was a good time," Jaedon said. "Everyone was chill. My favorite part was definitely beating Bryce (Bullock, senior) every time." Photo by Lauren Morris

a legend

At eSports, Ethan Boersma, freshman, plays Apex Legends. "I really liked the new equipment and how the room was redecorated," Ethan said. "We all had a good time and improved our gameplay."
Photo by Lauren Morris

"Ty (Hesterman) owes me $10." **Ben Blaesing, 11**

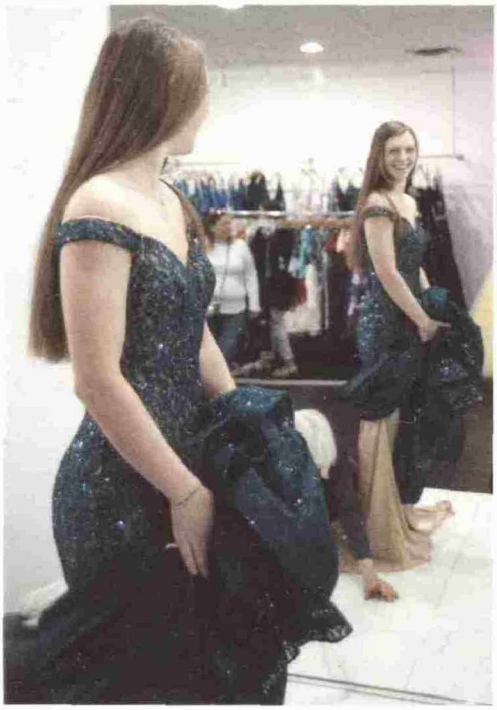
gettin' ready for the night of nights

design by Kammy Moore

students talk dress culture as they prepare to make Prom a night to remember

prom prep

Savanah Sharpe, senior, shares her itinerary for getting ready for the big dance



- 2:00 hair appointment
- 3:00 start makeup
- 4:00 pictures with date
- 4:30 group pics at friend's house
- 5:30 grand march
- 6:30 arrive at prom

needle and thread

Standing in the mirror, Savanah Sharpe, senior, gets her dress altered at White Iris. Preparations started in the weeks leading up to the dance.

Photo by Todd McKechnie

Katie Bobb, senior

budget: less than $100

from: borrowed from Vanessa Pascual ('18)

"I think it's annoying that dresses can get really expensive. I know this dress was about $450 when it was brand new and for one night that's way too much. Even if you can afford it, it's really an unnecessary amount. I had no other plans for prom this year other than to borrow someone's dress. I didn't want to spend the money and if I could just borrow one or pay a reduced price I would be happy."

Katie Bobb, senior

to find a theme

every year, members of Junior CEC plan the theme for Prom. for the first time ever, Prom tickets were sold exclusively online

"We dedicated a meeting to brainstorming our ideas and subsequently bounced ideas off each other to come up with 'Enchanted Oasis.' The theme embodied a spring-y feel and was economically feasible."

Lilia Brunetti, 11

keys to the kingdom

nominees for Prom king and queen discuss if they ruled their own kingdom, what would it be known for

"Definitely how perfect it's society would be. Everyone would be treated equally and there would be no poverty or war. Everyone would be able to live their life however they want."

Jordyn Warner, 12

"It would probably be known for food because eating food is a hobby of mine. I would put a Roscoe's House of Chicken and Waffles on every corner."

Jelani Warner, 12

"Gold, so everyone could be happy without worrying about money."

Vanessa Kaoltourides, 12

"Humanitarianism because puppies, ya know?"

Max Paredes, 12

"If I were a queen, I would want my kingdom to be known for laughter. My favorite thing to do is laugh, and humor really brings out the best in people."

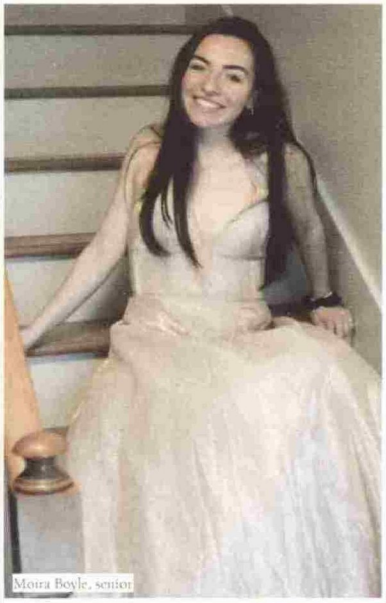
Megan Dedelow, 12

"I went to Kyle's house one afternoon and we had a bonfire and Cooper Christiansen here fell in the fire pit and burned." **Ty Hesterman, 11**

Bella Buono, senior

budget: under $500
from: Poshmark

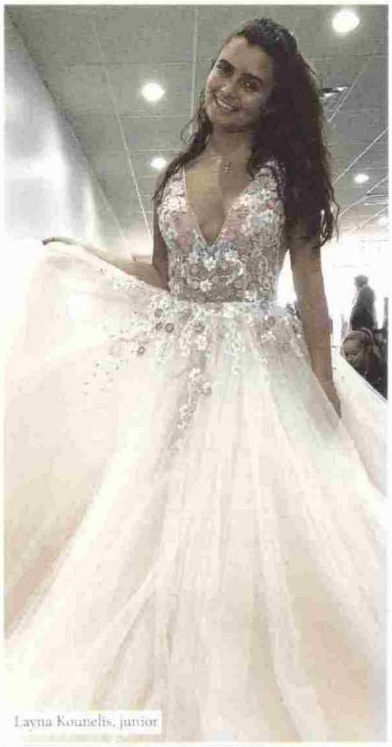
"My favorite part about (the dress) is definitely all the flowers. I'm a big geek for anything floral. I'm not usually a blingy person but I felt like this was just enough. At first I was like 'oh my gosh, it's so grandma.' I thought it looked very vintage, but I kind of liked that, so I looked online, found it, and once I saw it on a girl I knew it was definitely the one. I was so thrilled that I got this one for $420. I was ecstatic, because the dress is probably originally $800, because it's all hand beaded, so I got really lucky." Bella Buono, senior



Moira Boyle, senior

budget: about $450
from: Southlake Bridal

"I feel like this was one of those instances where I tried it on and I just knew. It was the first one I tried on, and I tried maybe five or six after, but I knew this was the one I wanted. I originally wanted something a lot more bright. I usually go for jewel tones, so I knew I wanted something different, but I didn't think I'd end up with a big sparkly dress." Moira Boyle, senior



Layna Kounelis, junior

budget: unlimited
from: White Iris

"For me, (choosing a Prom dress is) about expressing myself and having fun. Whatever dress makes me feel the most confident and the most beautiful is the dress that I'm going to buy. At the end of the day, it's not about the dress, but rather about the girl that's wearing the dress." Layna Kounelis, junior

"It'd be an animal kingdom with animals roaming everywhere." Maddy Foreit, 12

"I'd have the rawest sand castles on either side of the Mississippi." Javaughn Richards, 12

"Mine would be known for it's lavish features. Women would be fashionable, fine dining all around, and luxurious amenities would surround my kingdom." Addy Andello, 12

"For our dope armor and dragon breeding and training academies. It'd be sick." Adam Wisniewski, 12

"It'd be financially stable with a diverse population that lives in peace." Nick Pelrick, 12

"Mine would be known for our crazy good athletes and our loving and caring citizens." Tyler Zabrecky, 12

"A kingdom of puppies so people could play with them everyday." Mikayla Collins, 12

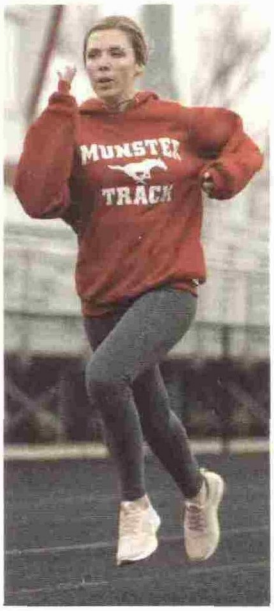
"Paul Maldonado made Bingos about Mr. Davidson because he said weird things and his phone always went off." **Cooper Christiansen, 11**

greatest feets of all time

girls' track and field team members athletes discuss their shoes

pink power

Running in her event, Sydney Skrobot, sophomore, styles her pink Saucony sneakers. The sneakers helped with support issues in Skrobot's feet that were causing shin problems. "I was definitely looking for something that was both comfortable and functional so that I could get them off and on easily," Skrobot said. "I also wanted to make sure that they stayed secure on my foot, so they don't have laces."
Photo by Todd McKechnie



to heel and back

Winding up for her throw, Ella McComis, senior, practices discus for her upcoming meet. McComis made sure to have shoes with no traction to make sure that she could spin faster, creating more momentum and thus throwing the discus farther. "There are companies that make shoes with zero traction, but you could also just use worn-out, old gym shoes," McComis said.
Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

toe to toe

Wearing sprint spikes, Rebecca Thompson, senior, long-jumps. Sprint spikes were specialized running shoes with spikes that allowed the user to be able to bounce off of his or her toes more. "I loved my spikes," Thompson said. "If I had to get new spikes, I would have probably gotten the same ones that I owned." Photo by Lana Salahieh

What is your favorite way to warm up?

"My favorite warm up for shot put are power throws because they get your muscles loose."
Mollie Clark, 11

"My favorite way to warm up for track is to do a couple warm-up laps with my friends."
Hannah Robbins, 9

"Stretching because it warms the muscles up."
Myra Peralta, 10

"We do lazy power throws where we toss the shot put to get warmed up and it is my favorite. Its the most chill time we have and we can talk to each other."
Melinda Michalski, 11

full speed ahead

Going all out, Adeyah Shine and Madison Lakomek, seniors, run in the 100-meter dash. The athletes were participating in a mock meet between the boys and the girls. "It was definitely a lot less nerve-wracking," Lakomek said. "There was less pressure surrounding the meet." Photo by Todd McKechnie

get back up again

After clearing the bar, Erin Gonzales, senior, sits on the mat. As a pole vaulter, Gonzales usually cleared the bar, but did not always succeed. "(Not clearing the bar) is frustrating," Gonzales said. "But you have to do a playback and see where you went wrong."
Photo by Chynna Vaughn

"I helped my friend James (Smith) put frogs around the school." **Paul Maldonado, 10**

doing the heavy lifting

Story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

girls' track and field team gets new coaches

Most of the things were the same as last year for the girls' track and field team. They had the same venue, the same events, and the same cold April weather. However, the team did have something new: the team had an onslaught of new members. There were new student athletes as well as brand new roster of coaches. One such coach was Mr. Larry Hautzinger, physics teacher, who was brought onto the playing field earlier this year.

"I think that (our arrival) was a big change because all of the original coaches are gone," Mr. Hautzinger said. "We were a brand new set."

Coaching was more difficult than it seemed, especially since the team participated in so many different events. Regardless, the new coaches studied the ins and outs of the track and pulled through.

"We were just making do as we could and learned the whole system," Mr. Hautzinger said. "The timing system was very interesting, to say the least."

The new coaches were also very well received by the members of the team. Members like Kylie Reed, sophomore, became good friends with the newfound track mentors and trainers who helped her to reach her full potential during the season.

"I personally loved the new track coaches," Reed said. "The coaches pushed us really hard to be at our best."

This encouragement from the coaches helped to improve the team's motivation and to be even more successful.

"Our drive and work ethic definitely improved from last year. More girls showed up to the practices and pushed themselves, too," Reed said. "A lot of people did have standards set for themselves, but the coaches wanted us to do our best, and as long as we did our best, then I feel that we improved."

The fruits of the team's labors paid off throughout the season, as Lauren Phelps, freshman, recalled.

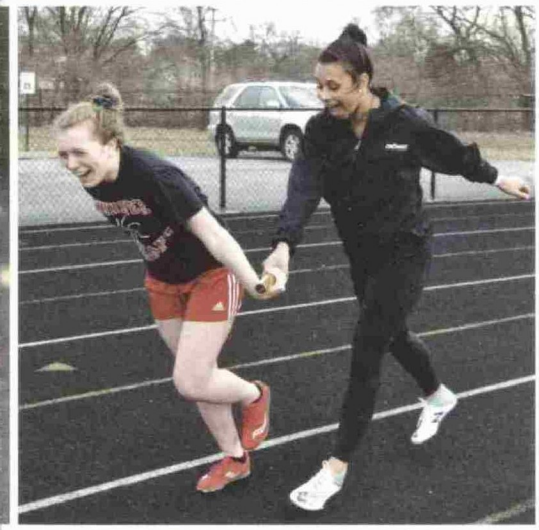
"We did pretty well," Phelps said. "It took a lot of effort, commitment and practice to win meets."

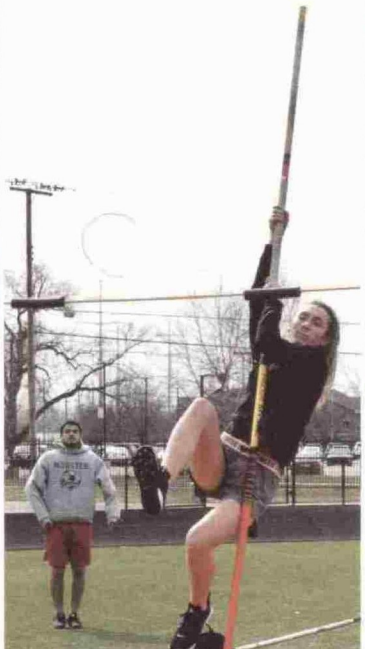
Phelps also felt that this success was in part due to the arrival of the new coaches.

"I believe that the coaches caused (our success) because they were the ones who picked the right exercises and practices to help our team get wins."

Not only did the team enjoy the presence of the new coaches, but the coaches were thrilled to be able to contribute to the team as well.

"The girls that I worked with were really fun," Mr. Hautzinger said. "I never ever had any discipline issues. We all had a good time."





work it out On a day where a meet was canceled and there was bad weather outside, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, junior, exercises her biceps. That day was an arm day. "I would have rather been outside throwing," Cipowski-Smith said. "But I knew that weight lifting was the foundation of throwing because it helped you to be strong." Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **relay relay good** Running in a relay race, Bree Karl, senior, passes the baton to Carson Kekelik, sophomore. In this race, four athletes would each dash for 100 meters. "I liked that we were running as a team, but the event was still very individual," Karl said. Photo by Megan Szymanski **it's all her vault** At a practice, Sophia Porter, junior, practices her vaults as Max Arnold, junior, watches. Athletes in the event would run a 50-meter dash and row themselves through into a pole vault. "(Pole vaulting) is my favorite part of a track meet," Porter said. Photo by Megan Szymanski

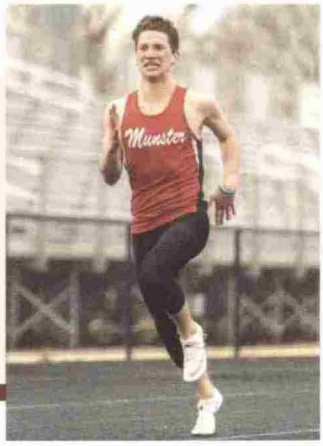
"One time, my friend Ethan Buck and I brought a stop sign home." James Smith, 10

beating the best

Joey Marcus, sophomore, plans to beat the 400m dash time that his brother Matt Marcus, a 2017 graduate, set

time to beat
49.04 seconds
current PR
52.00 seconds

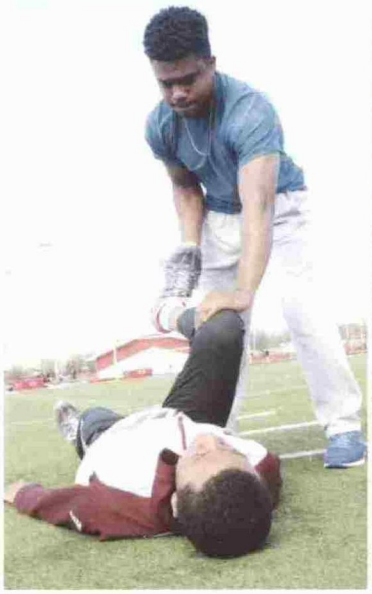
Photo by Todd McKechnie



racing for a reason
Joey Marcus, sophomore, races during the mock meet.

"Everyday at track I **work** a little harder than the day before. I try to spend **extra time** running 400s after practice everyday. I do it specifically to improve my **endurance**. And aside from **intense training**, I try to drink a lot of water to stay hydrated."

stretch it out
During practice, Amir Henderson, junior, stretches out his partner, Evan Vasser, sophomore. Henderson's favorite stretches are the dynamic ones before they start running. "I think it is extremely important to stretch and I enjoy it," Henderson said.
Photo by Megan Szymanski



work hard play hard

Story by Anastasia Cipowski-Smith

boys' track comments on their new coaches and how they add more fun to practice and meets

The school had been looking for replacement track coaches all year. Around December new coaches, including head coach LaRence Crowder, were finally hired, however, they were all strangers to the track team.

"I was worried about their coaching strategies at first," Juan Olivencia, sophomore said. "But after meeting them I was pleasantly surprised because they are younger and much more relatable to the runners."

These coaches are also well liked because of the way they plan practice.

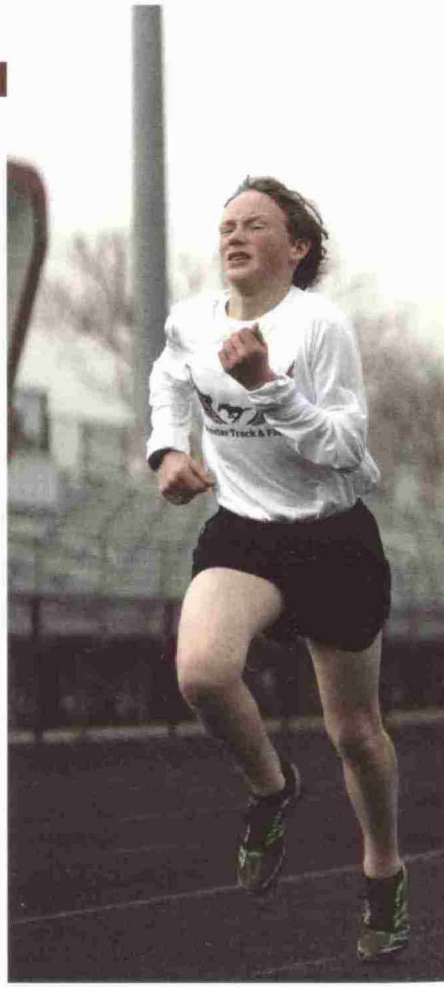
"They always try to put a little fun into practice," Deven Hawkins, junior, said.

On Fridays they choose small contests for some athletes to participate in and whoever wins has a shortened workout, meanwhile whoever loses does the workout twice.

"This added fun actually boosted morale," Hawkins said. "In between the fun we, as a team, worked harder. I think our workouts have become much more efficient."

The coaches also started awarding a stallion to the MVP of the meet.

"When I won I was really proud of myself," Chris Smith, junior, said. "It made me feel proud of everyone."



push it
Racing the 1600m, Charles Iverson, freshman, finishes his last lap. He ended up finishing in 5 minutes and 36 seconds. "I was pretty tired at that point," Iverson, said. "I was putting in my maximum effort." Photo by Todd McKechnie

"One time a friend (James Smith) and I rode our bikes all the way over to Owen Meyers' house. We showed up out of nowhere to crash for the night." Ethan Buck, 10

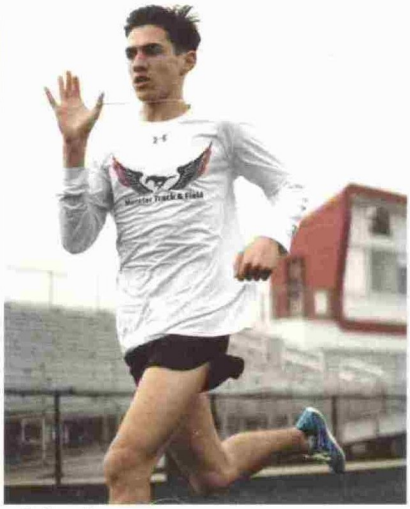
destined to hurdle Kicking his leg forward, Varrick Allen, freshman, jumps over a hurdle. He began hurdling in middle school after his brothers sparked his interest. "Hurdles are challenging," Allen said. "But I love a challenge." Photo by Todd McKechnie

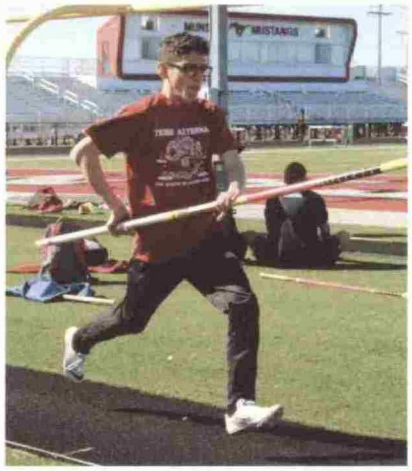
What inspired you to join track?

"I really have a passion for running and just working really hard every single day to improve my times. It's really rewarding."
Noah Poole, 10

"My parents did because my dad always talked about hard work and dedication so I wanted to be a varsity athlete."
Chris Seydel, 12

"I just needed something to do after school and all my friends were in it. They encouraged me to get into track and come out and try out. I came, and I enjoyed it."
Bradley Gibbs, 12





all for fun Practicing his shot put throw, Leo Tsirtsis, sophomore, winds up. His number one sport, however, is wrestling. "Track is something I do to take a break and have fun," Tsirtsis said. Photo by Chynna Vaughn **lucky charm** Racing in the mock-meet, Juan Olivencia, sophomore, tugs at his chain. Before the race his coach joked that because he was wearing his chain he was going to win. "I ended up winning and it felt amazing," Olivencia said. "I held up the chain as I crossed the finish." Photo by Todd McKechnie **leaps and bounds** Running down the runway, Nick Ylo, senior prepares for his high jump. He has pole vaulted for four years. "I really enjoy it," Ylo said. "I plan to walk on to a team in college." Photo by Chloe Lambert

road to recovery

Will McComis, senior, describes how to use his anti-gravity treadmill and how it was a crucial part of his ACL recovery

how does it work?

"You strap yourself in and put on shorts and zip yourself into treadmill, then air pressure lifts you up to let you run so it puts less impact on your legs."

was it the only thing used?

"No, after surgery I went to physical therapy three times a week for five months. I also went to the gym as much as I could to build strength."

how much time did it save?

"It saved around two months of recovery time and I started running with my team again around February."

Photo provided by Will McComis, senior

"Santino Presutti and Luigi David were walking out of lunch when Santino stepped on and crushed an apple like it was nothing." Owen Meyer, 10

having a ball

Story by Carey Scott

undefeated so far, girls' tennis players discuss hopes for state later on in the year

"I'm excited to try and get to State. That's been the biggest obstacle for us, so hopefully getting to State and maybe winning it, that's definitely this year's goal."
Sanjana Tallamraju, 9

"Our main motivation is State. We have a really good team this year and it is very possible that we can win State. The lineup is very similar, to last year, so we're all a lot more prepared."
Monica Fronczek, 12

"We have a really good team, one of the best in a long time, so we all have our hopes up for possibly the state championship. We're going to really try and get that title this year."
Karolina Sroka, 12

"We're all hoping to go to State, and hopefully win State this year."
Shalini Tallamraju, 10

"I feel like this is going to be one of the best seasons we've had, at least since I've been on the team, we've got some nationally ranked girls, so I think we have a really good shot at state."
Hazel Wolf, 11

"I'm most excited to see where this season goes, to see if we really can win state."
Dana Savarino, 10

"The chance of winning state keeps us working hard, our rank is third in the state currently, so we're excited. I'm excited, I'm anxious, but I'm ready to see how far we can go."
Addy Klawitter, 10

making a racket At practice after school, Monica Fronczek, senior, hits the ball back and forth with Coach Dave Cafmeyer. "My favorite part about being on the team is being with my friends," Fronczek, said. "We're all there to support each other, because it's not like someone else's match effects yours, it's all individual. Every match you go to you can hear someone yelling across the courts 'go one doubles,' or something like that. It's nice to have that support from one another." Photo by Lilia Brunetti

serving looks As she hits back and fourth with her doubles partner, Monica Fronczek, senior, Hazel Wolf, junior, practices after school. "We work really hard at practice every day," Wolf said. "Our motto is 'all in' so we're going all in at practice." Photo by Sydney Pastor

hitting it off While at practice, Shalini Tallamraju, sophomore, warms up. "The hardest part is how mentally involved it is," Tallamraju said. "There's a lot of things that go on in your head and you can't get down on yourself when you're losing." Photo by Lauren Morris

"I still remember that kickball game from preschool that I played with Eddie (Ortiz)." Santino Presutti, 10

the ball is in your court

Straight from the player to you, Addy Klawitter, junior, gives a rundown on tips and tricks she uses to correctly hit a tennis ball.

1 "Keep your eye on the ball."

2 "Make contact out in front of you."

3 "Always follow through."

Photos by Lauren Morris

If you could pick anyone to be your doubles partner, who would it be and why?

"He's the greatest tennis player of all time, but I'm not picking him just because he's a tennis player. I just think I like him as a celebrity as well, but Roger Federer definitely. He's just the best out there"
Karolina Sroka, 12

"I'd want Drake to be my doubles partner because I feel like that'd be fun"
Riley Ramirez, 9

"Probably Ryan Gosling just cause he's really good looking and he looks like he'd have an athletic body."
Dana Savarino, 10

all set

During one of the first practices of the season, Dana Savarino, sophomore, hits the ball back and fourth with her doubles partner, Karolina Sroka, senior. "Tennis has taught me a lot of life values," said Savarino. "In negative situations when you're down, you need to learn to stay positive, and that's what has helped me in life in general." Photo by Lauren Morris

game, set, match

After school at practice, Karolina Sroka, senior, serves the ball to Elizabeth Fesko, freshman, and JV player. "I started tennis when I was four," Sroka said. "I would practice with my dad, he wanted to pass it down to his kids and teach them so I started taking lessons." Photo by Lauren Morris

best of the best

Sanjana Tallamraju, freshman, who was top in the nation for her age class last year, is hoping to defender her title, and discusses her success throughout her tennis career

Do you feel pressure as a freshman on varsity?
"I've handled pressure before, so it's not that much. I feel a lot of honor because my older sister was number one last year, so I feel like I have to fill her shoes now."

You play with a club team, what does that entail?
"I hit with a group of kids, guys and girls for 3 hours everyday, and then we have strength training and fitness for another hour and a half after."

How do you stay motivated to achieve your goals?
"I want to go professional when I'm older, so you constantly need to be working towards that goal."

What has tennis taught you?
"Never give up, this is an individual's sports, so there's an emotional roller coaster during every match, but you can never give up."

game on

At a tennis meet at Crown Point high school, Sanjana Tallamraju, freshman, plays a match. Photo by Sydney Pastor

"Back in preschool we were kicking a ball and Santino (Presutti) came running up and he kicked the ball and it hit Clayton (Bubash) in the face." Eddie Ortiz, 10

getting the ball rolling

Story by Jack Radford Stork

boys' golf prepares for a good season with a younger team

Despite the fact that this season will be one for rebuilding the team, many members of the Boys' Golf team have hopes that the season will go well.

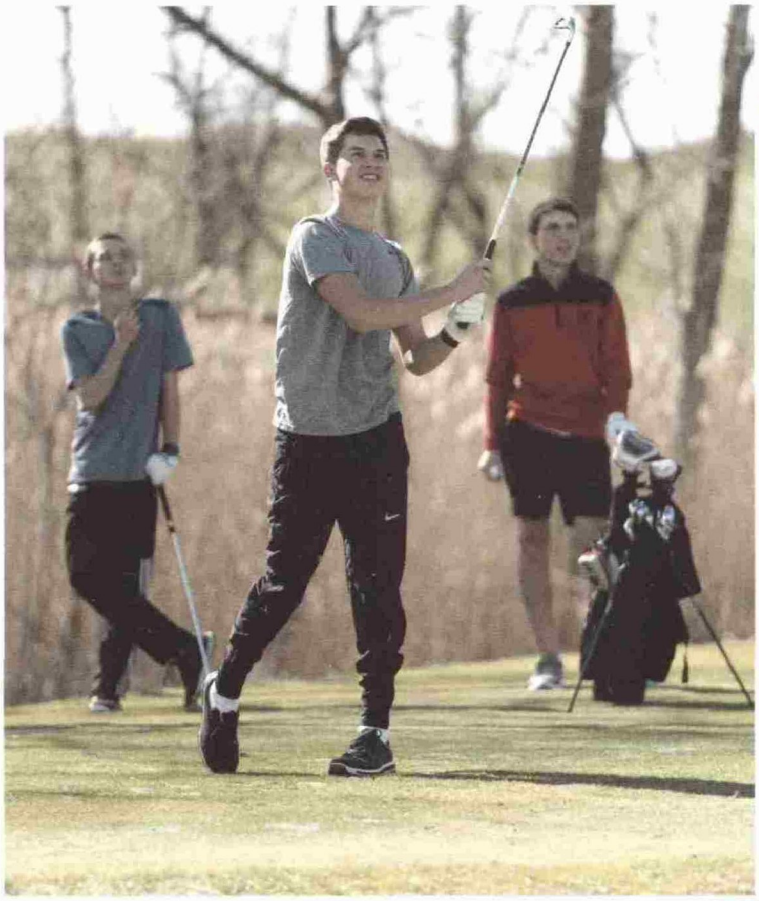
"We have a lot of younger members on the team this year," Jake Galosich, senior, said. "Our coach said it's kind of like a rebuilding year, so that we can get the younger members ready for the next couple of years so they can possibly play varsity. Looking at the sophomores and juniors on varsity, I feel like have a pretty good chance this season anyway."

With the loss of many seniors last year, there were numerous spots to fill with the coming of the new season.

"At first, I was a little bit nervous to play because it had been almost two years since I had actually been on a golf course, but after a few practices and our first meet, it's been going good," Matthew Deering, freshman, said.

There are also some members who have been playing golf for many years, even before they were playing competitively.

"I started playing with my dad when I was really young," Reese Vanek, sophomore, said. "I always just really liked it."

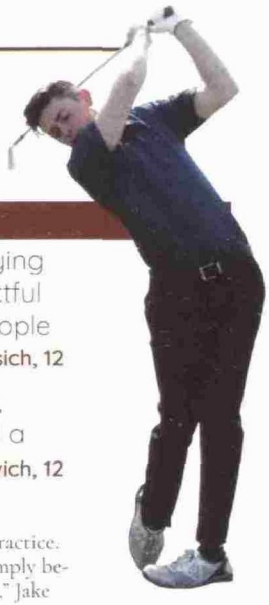


time flies

Jake Galosich and Luke Dragicevich, seniors, discuss how their time on the golf team impacted them

"The type of interaction you had when playing golf helped me to be courteous and respectful towards teachers, elders, and any other people I meet."
Jake Galosich, 12

"It has been a great experience. Every year, regardless of the guys on the team, we had a terrific time."
Luke Dragicevich, 12



up to par Practicing his swings, Jake Galosich, senior, warms up before practice. "I personally believe golf is one of the hardest sports to play, simply because of all of the techniques and positions you need to perfect," Jake said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

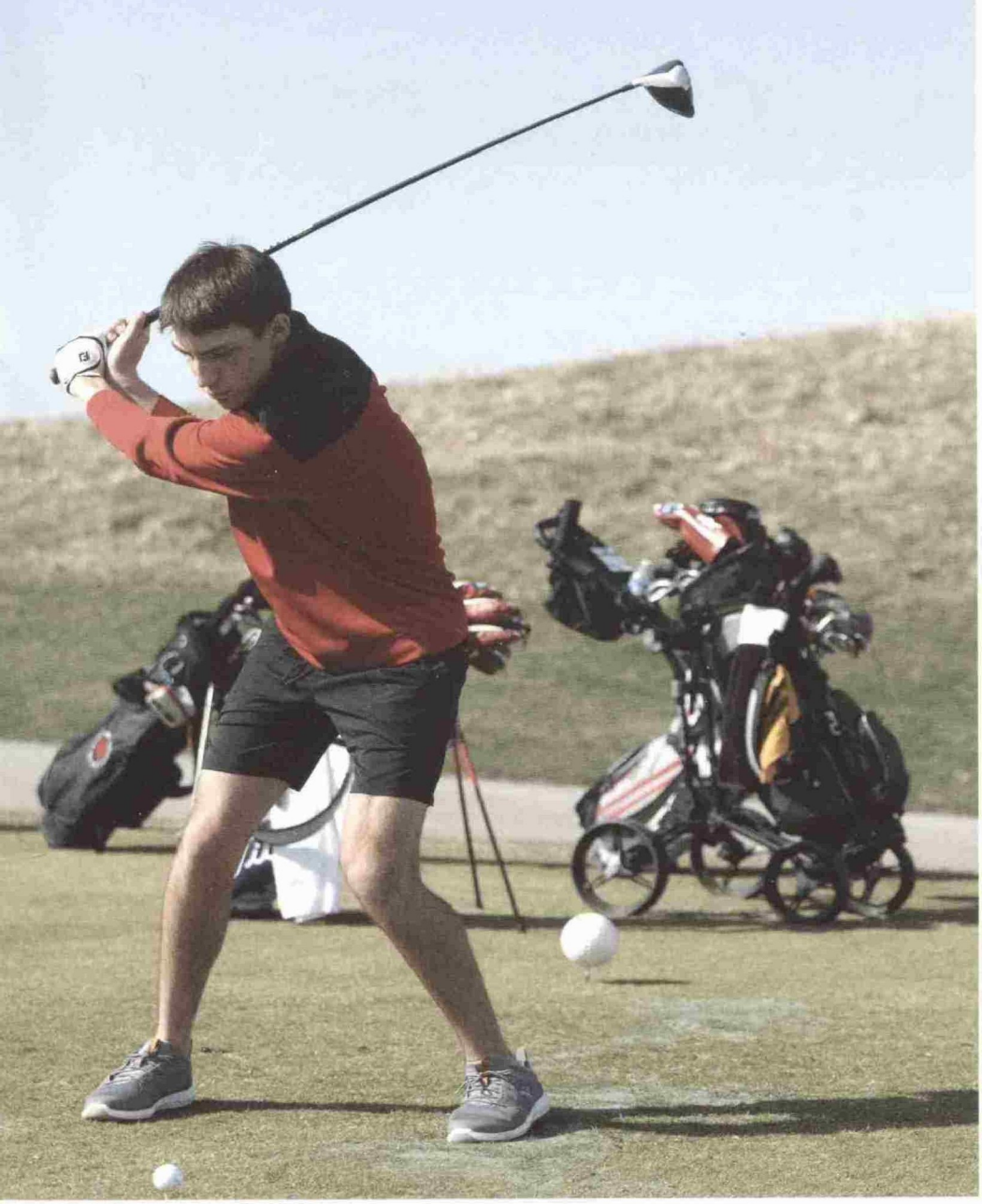
up in the sky Following a powerful drive of the ball down the green, Max Ladd, sophomore, Donald Fesko and John Stanko, juniors, watch the ball fly off. "You don't ever want to be short when you drive the ball," Max said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

in the bag Selecting their clubs, Donald Fesko and John Stanko, juniors, watch a fellow teammate. The practice was held in preparation for a meet with Crown Point. "We are a very young team over all, but we're still prepared to play our best," Donald said. The team won against Crown Point. Photo by Chloe Lambert

drive it home Beginning to drive the ball down blue course, Max Ladd, sophomore, raises his club to take a swing. "It's kind of a rebuilding year, but I think we've been doing pretty well. I think we have a lot of potential as a team," Max said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

hitting it off Standing on the driving green, John Stanko, junior, gets ready to send the ball down field. "Because we're rebuilding this year, we've all been a part of a learning experience that I think will pay off in the long run," John said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

"I remember growing up always going over to Ari's (Arzumanian) house playing some MBA 2K and his mom always making food for us." **Clayton Bubash, 10**



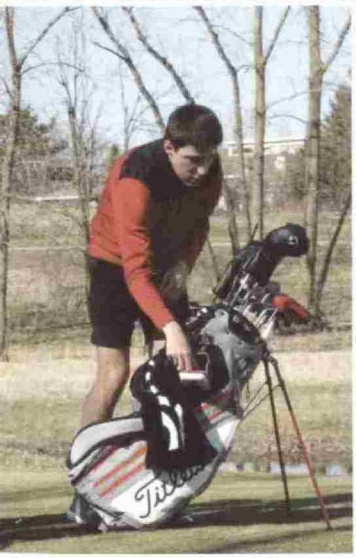
Why did you start playing golf?

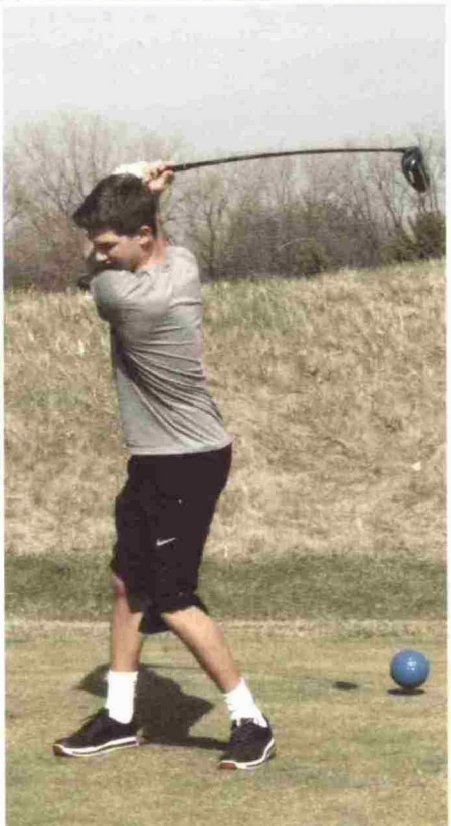
"About six years ago I went to Florida over winter break to visit some family and while I was down there, they lent me a set of golf clubs." Luke Dragicevich, 12

"I started playing golf because my parents play. They used to take me out with them and I loved it." Max Ladd, 10

having a ball

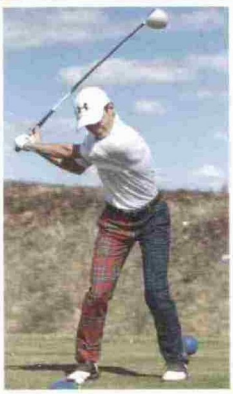
Before venturing out onto the course, Luke Dragicevich, senior, practices his putting. "All the guys on the team have their good days and their bad days, but when we're all on, we're a force to be reckoned with," Luke said. Photo by Chloe Lambert





fancy pants

Brink Wolak, sophomore, discusses, his loud, preppy, colorful pants



"If I'm on the golf course, and someone sees me, they're not going to remember me for the way I play, so they may as well remember me for something." Brink Wolak, 10

tee time

Brink Wolak, sophomore, prepares to drive the ball down the green. He was practicing for an upcoming match against Highland. "Everyone on the team is a solid player, we're all really close. I'm confident it will be a good season," Brink said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

"I'm never going to forget the time we went ding dong ditching. We were jogging for fifteen seconds, then Eric Harvath bent over and yacked everywhere in the snow. Since then, we've called him yacky boy." Ari Arzumanian, 10

a league of their own

story by Marley Anderson

softball talks about starting fresh with their young team

Because Varsity Softball consists of mostly underclassmen this year, there's plenty of room to build up skill, playing positions and new friendships.

"We're considering this year to be a rebuilding year because of our young players," Mia Adamus, sophomore, said. "We're doing a lot better than expected."

With many freshman and sophomores that joined, all the new players are receiving their positions, creating a fresh slate.

"Our team is working on situations and making sure everyone knows what they're doing," Julia Hoop, freshman, said.

Much focus goes towards improvement. Due to several games throughout a week, the girls only have time for two or three practices per week.

"We're focusing on getting better as a team so we can win," Adamus said. "We're working on the basics and skills to build up our strengths."

"I definitely learn about teamwork along the way as we work together as one big, cohesive unit," Adamus said.

During the beginning of spring, cold, weather makes it tough for the girls to keep up during their games.

"A game can turn into a mental game because of the weather," Holly Kaim, sophomore, said. "Sometimes it'll be so cold that we can't feel our hands to throw the ball."

With alternating team captains, the girls make sure everyone gets an important role in order to experience it all.

"We're one big family, and if you ever have any problems, you can go to any of the girls," Adamus said. "It's just amazing to have them."

team spirit

As the announcer introduces each player, Paige Vukadinovich, freshman, and Viviana Gonzales, senior, wish each other luck before they play ball. Before each game, the girls gave each other high fives. "We're always really happy and pumped up before a game," Vukadinovich said. Photo by Robert Young

"Joey (Marcus), how's Corey, how is he doing? Let me know." **Eric Harvath, 10**

step into it Stepping into her throw, Daija Williams, junior, pitches against the team. "My world literally evolves around softball," Williams said. "I practiced on my own to perfect my craft because I want to go to college and get a scholarship." Photo by Chloe Lambert

close catch Just after catching the ball, Samantha Sellers, sophomore, has to think fast for her next move. "I'm always thinking what I will do when a ball comes at me," Sellers said. "I love team sports because if you make a mistake your team is always going to be there for you, and there's always ways to make up for your mistakes." Photo by Lana Salahieh

think fast Looking at the ball's next destination, Jordan Duff, sophomore, gets ready to make her pass. She needed to be alert and ready for anything. "We want to keep going and keep winning," Duff said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

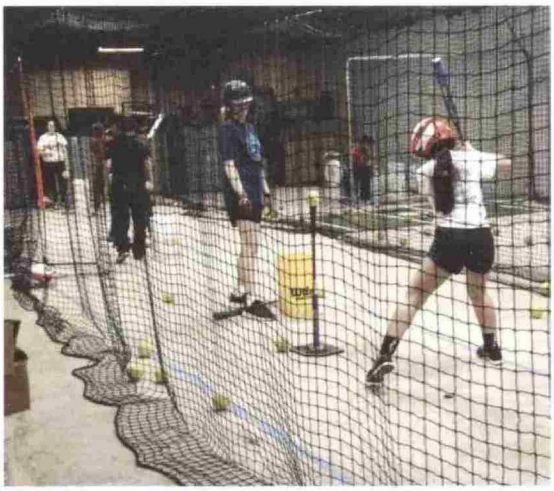
out in left field

players nominate their friends for "most likely to"

most likely to trip over nothing — **Hailey Sullivan, 10**
nominated by Holly Kairn, 10

most likely to get famous on Tik Tok — **Samantha Sellers, 10**
nominated by Jordan Duff, 10

most likely to make a weird noise when something good happens during a game — **Emily Dato, 11**
nominated by Viviana Gonzales, 12



batting practice
As the team practices at the new batting cages, Viviana Gonzales, senior, practices hitting off a tee. She was getting ready to hit the ball with her bat. "I just focus on how I have to drive the ball at the middle," Gonzales said. Photo by Megan Szymanski

pitch to win
Right before she throws the ball, Dayton Elliott, senior, focuses on pitching to the batter. Her coach signaled which type of pitch to use each time. Munster won 6-1 versus Kankakee Valley. "Sometimes I'm nervous, sometimes I'm not," Elliott said. "It depends on the situation." Photo by Todd McKechnie

pitch in and help out

Pitcher Dayton Elliott, senior, explains the different types of softball pitches

fast ball: pitch that goes in straight and fast

change up: changes up the speed and pace to get the momentum of the batter off balance

drop ball: looks like it's going straight, but then drops at the plate

rise ball: appears to be coming in straight, but then rises near the plate

Which teammate do you admire and why?

"I look up to Mia Adamus (sophomore) because she worked hard for her spot and is dedicated. She is a great teammate and treats everyone with respect."
Karyn Beiruti, 10

"I look up to Daija Williams (junior) the most because she always has a positive attitude and is a great leader."
Paige Vukadinovich, 9

"My girl Hailey Sullivan (sophomore) because she's one of my good friends on the team and she works hard."
Ally Barath, 9

"Emily Dato (junior) because she's always really loud and super encouraging and she always cheers everyone on during games."
Ariel Gallardo, 10

"Max Ladd lost some money in a pool tournament we had." **Joey Marcus, 10**

pitch perfect

baseball players discuss dressing up for games

A team's bond and traditions, whether new or old is crucial to the success and unity of a team. In the case, of the Varsity Baseball team, a new tradition of dressing up during school for important game days had helped to bring the team as a whole closer together, all while creating a new tradition within the program.

"The team tried to pick a unique theme outfit for each big game," Andrew Manous, junior, said. "The goal was to find something that all the boys could wear to look similar and unify ourselves."

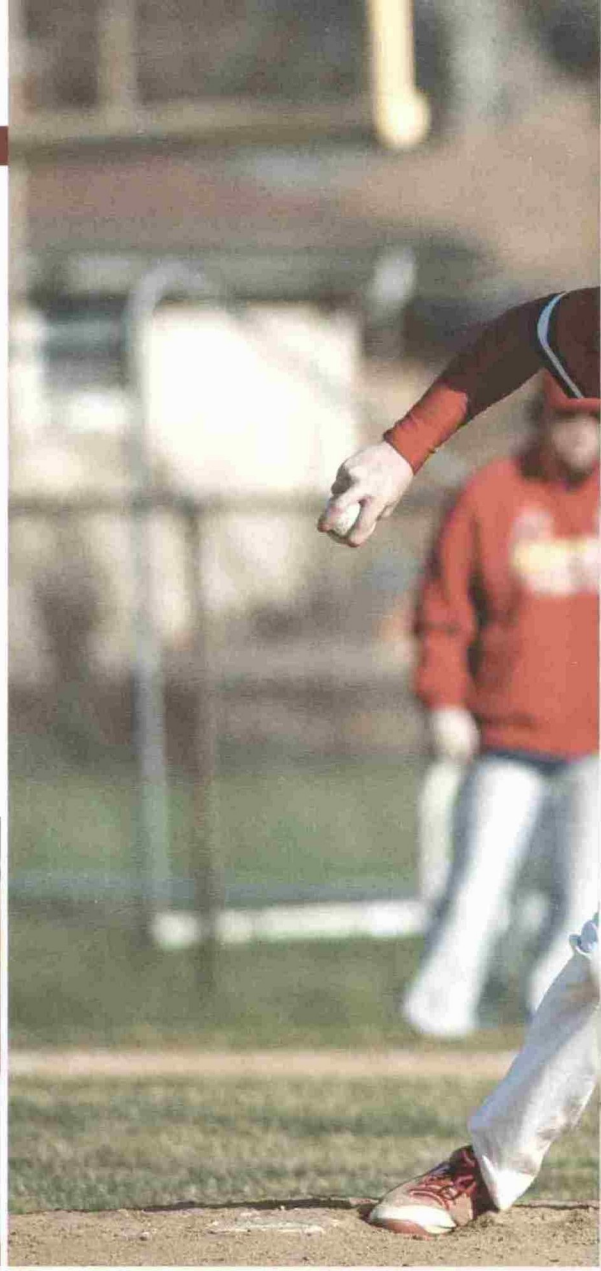
Although other sports teams in the school dress up for important games, for the baseball boys, dressing up during school on game days is a new tradition.

"We wanted to have a team bonding experience where we all could be part of a family," Matt Tripenfeldas, senior said.

Together the seniors on the team came up with the idea to dress up for big games.

"We planned on dressing up for big games against schools such as Lake Central and Hobart," Matt said.

The boys dressed up in Hawaiian shirts for their game against Andrean to start off their new tradition.

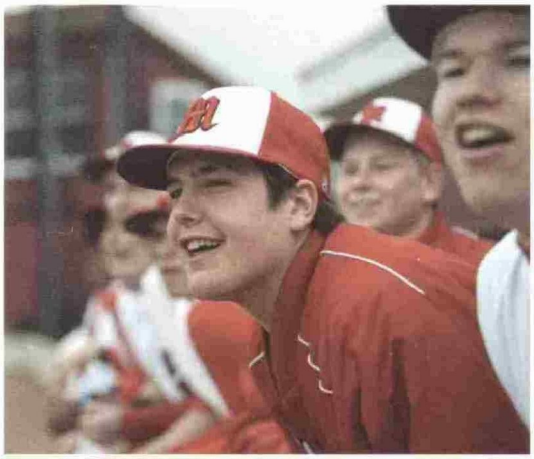


throw down

As he winds up his arm, Drew Westland (11), junior, throws a fast ball. Munster ended up winning the game against East Chicago Central 16-0. "While I pitch, I think about putting a good ball in the zone," Drew said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

scream and shout

While playing against Hammond Clark, Andrew Manous (24), junior, roots for his teammates. The Munster players on the field had just put the ball into play. "I just wanted to support my teammates and have a good time," Andrew said.
Photo by Robert Young



What advice would you give to your younger self?

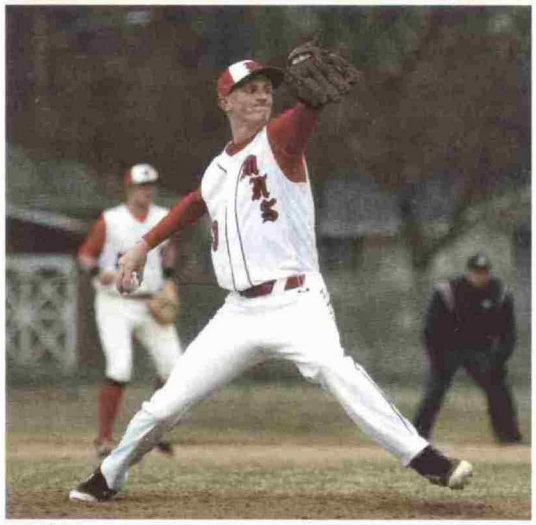
"Hit the long ball and if you strike out you strike out."
Jake Thometz, 9

"Don't let yourself get down on anything, whether it be on or off the field."
Allan Dedelow, 9

"Just keep working at it even when you're not feeling good."
Robby Chambers, 9

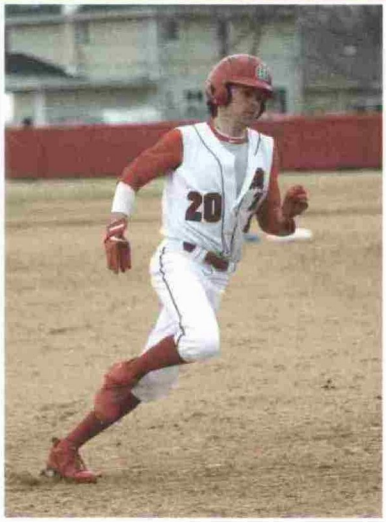
"Have more confidence in yourself."
Justin Bobb, 10

"Stick to catching."
Mason Cortopassi, 10



pitch power

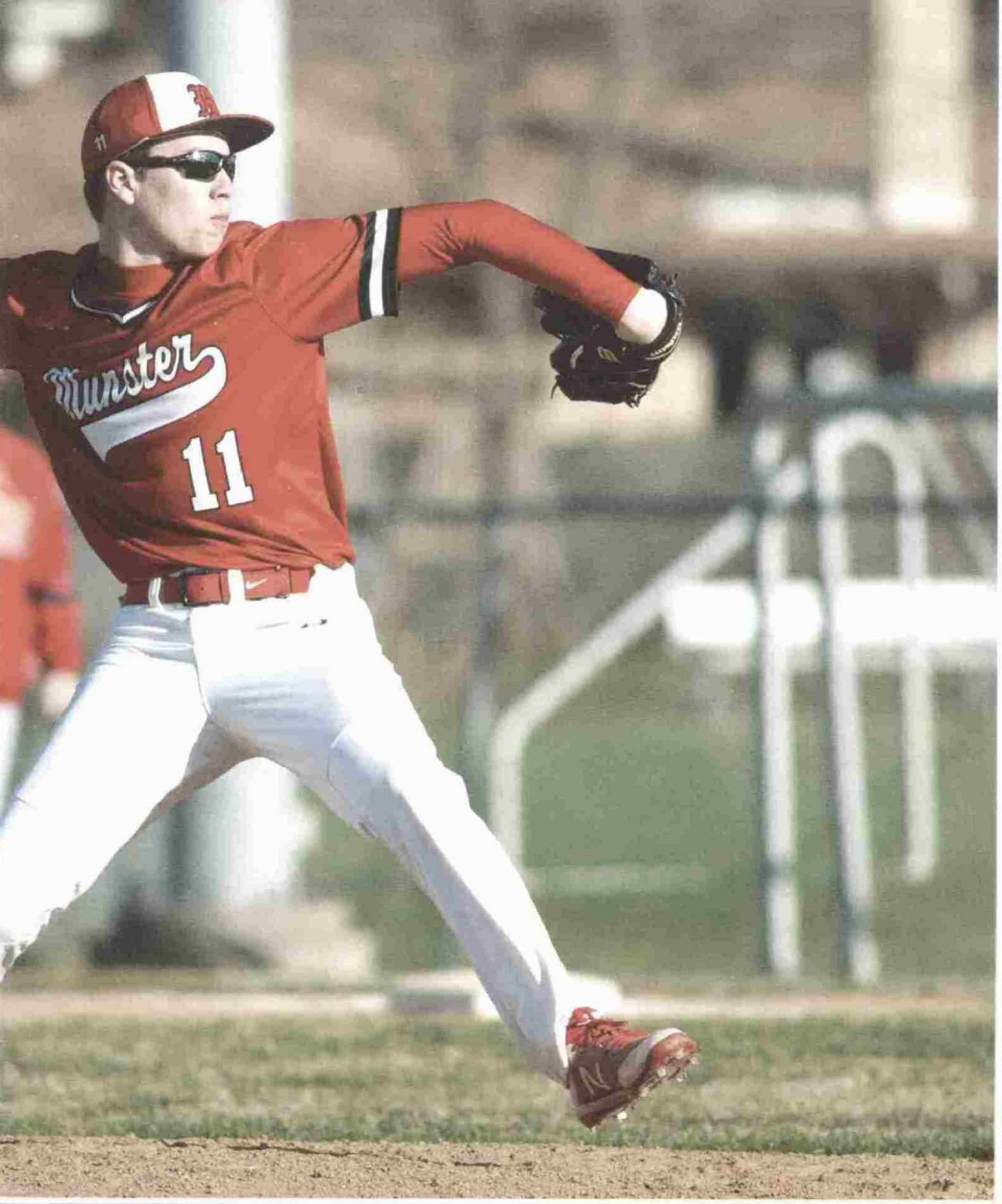
Holding the ball, Matt Tripenfeldas (3), senior, pitches. Tripenfeldas felt good about his pitches and wanted to throw some strikes. "I was thinking about hitting my spots," Tripenfeldas said.
Photo by Robert Young



running man

Running, Cade Howard (20), senior, rounds thrid to home base. After one of his teammates hit a ball into the gap, Howard tried to make it to home base. "I wanted to get my team another run," Howard said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

"Last summer, me, Joey, Eric and Lance (Dabrowski) were at Lance's lake house tubing. Eric and Joey were on the tube and Lance was pulling them on the jet ski. Lance took them over a huge wave and Eric got thrown off and got sick." **Max Ladd, 10**



season stats

a look of a typical varsity baseball season by the numbers

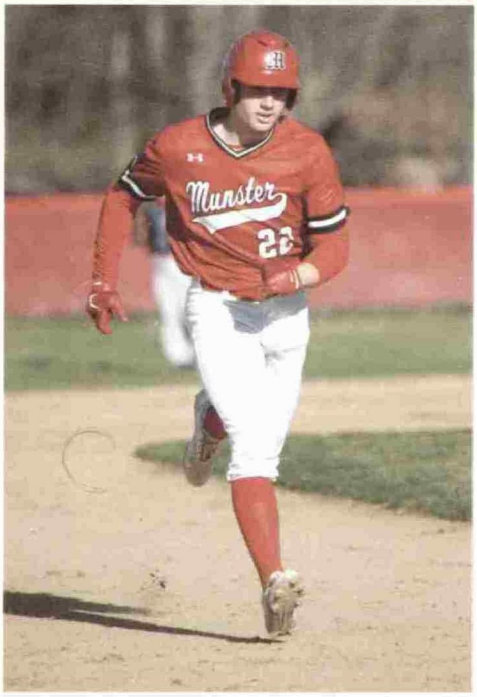
3 hour practices

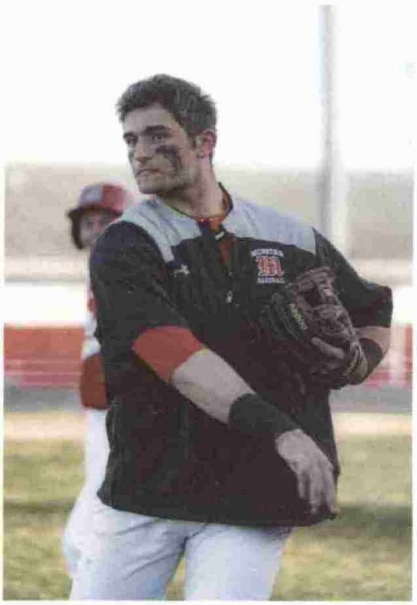
27 total games

1-2 games a week

7 seniors

20 players on the team





swing fast Standing on home base, Jeff Ballard (18), senior, hits the ball during a game against Hammond Clark. At the time, there was a runner at first base. "I've been playing baseball since I was little, it's always been a part of my life," Ballard said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **base to base** Running, Nick Hamilton (22), senior, advances to the next base. A Munster player ended up getting a hit which allowed for Hamilton to advance. "I try to keep an open mind," Hamilton said. "It creates less pressure that way." Photo by Todd McKechnie **catch and throw** Before East Chicago Central's arrival, Costa Sirounis (23), junior, tosses the ball back and forth with one of his teammates. Sirounis was trying to stay loose during the down time. "I was thinking about the upcoming game and how I wanted to play," Sirounis said. Photo by Todd McKechnie

"We were at Max Manich's house about two years ago. We were messing around in a little bouncy house and I snapped Ari Arzumanian's arm." **Lance Dabrowski, 10**

just getting started

Story by Abbey Burris

jv softball shares what they are excited for in season

"I was most excited about team bonding and getting to know everybody. I think our season was going well. As we went on, people were going to get better and we were going to work as a team."
Julia Hoop, 9

"I was looking forward to growing closer with my teammates and possibly hitting a home run this season."
Addison Jones, 9

"I was looking forward to winning Sectionals or Regionals. We had been in the cages to hit and very dedicated to the sport, trying our hardest."
Karyn Beiruti, 10

"Definitely trying to better myself and work towards Varsity next year. We had a pretty strong team. I thought we just needed to get better at making contact with the ball."
Madeline Sajn, 9

"I was really looking forward to getting close with my team and just doing what I loved to do."
Alayna Blasko, 9

"This season, I was excited about becoming friends with people and getting the experience of high school softball."
Ava Jureczko, 9

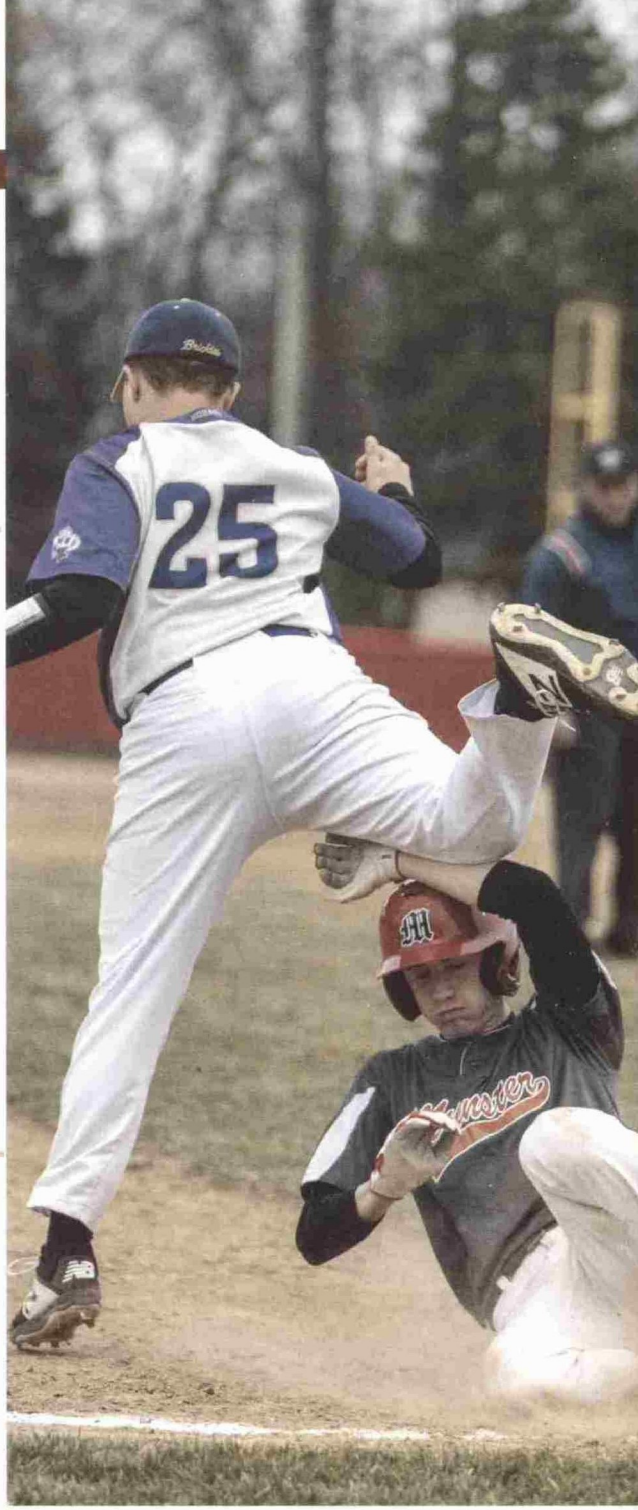
"Team bonding and making new friendships was what I was most looking forward to."
Shannen Smolinski, 9

"I joined the softball team this freshman year even though I've never played softball in my life. My goal was to become a first starter for the JV team and make Varsity by my junior year."
Evneki Crenshaw, 9

"I was most excited for getting to know everybody and play JV softball."
Isabella Perez, 9

"I was looking forward to bonds being made over the team so we could have those friendships. I liked the chemistry our team had."
Morgan Kazragys, 9

"I was excited about bettering myself this season and getting to know everyone on the team. I think we were going to get a lot better this season."
Abigail Silva, 9



running the bases
After hitting a triple against Hobart, Jake Thometz, freshman, slides onto third base. "I was stretching three just to be sure," Thometz said. "I had a big lead so I thought I might as well take the risk."
photo by Todd McKechnie

throwing the distance

Van Lambert, sophomore, demonstrates how to throw discus

1 take your stance 2 windup to throw 3 spin clockwise 4 throw disk into field

Photos by Chloe Lambert

"Blake Marcotte is one of my good friends. He's nice to everyone and just keep grinding my guy." **Max Marich, 10**

What would your mascot be for your own team?

"Dragon because they are fierce." Faith Muczynski, 10

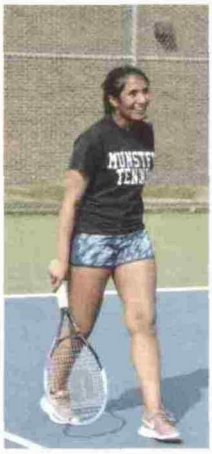
"If I could have any mascot, it would be a car like a Lamborghini because it resembles going fast." Adrian Christian, 10

"Fox, it's an intimidating animal." Joey Hillegonds, 10

"Swan because I want people to think the JV team is pretty when we run." Lillian Plebanski, 10

match point

jv girls' tennis players highlight their season



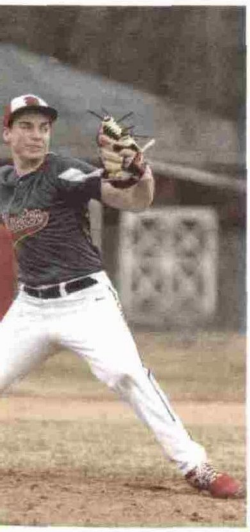
return shot Eye on the ball, Elizabeth Fesko, freshman, swings her tennis racket. Her main goal was to keep the ball in play. "Before a match, I told myself to relax and go over my corrections," Fesko said. "I played for my team and no one wanted to let their best friends down." Photo by Lilia Brunetti

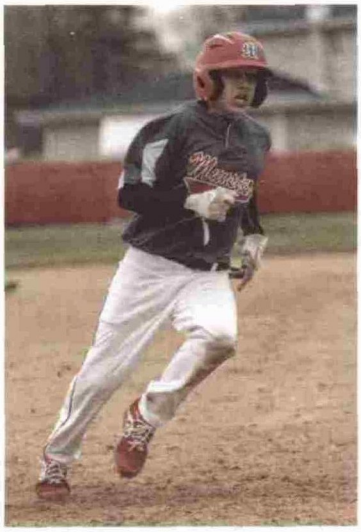
grin and win Triumphant, Ami Shah, junior, smiles after winning a match in practice. Their first match was in Indianapolis on April 6 where they won 5-0. "I was excited about the matches," Shah said. "I was excited to play and win and hopefully win State title this year." Photo by Lauren Morris

the inside track

jv girls' track and field prepares for season

power throw Mid-action, Annie Gilhooly, freshman, releases the shot after throwing. "This was my first year of shot, and I really liked my teammates and how we all helped each other get better," Gilhooly said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **the hand-off** Passing the baton to Kristen Baurain, Alison Lee, freshmen, practice for the 800 x 4 relay. "I enjoyed improving my time and seeing how much I had improved over the season," Baurain said. Photo by Lana Salahieh **head start** Enjoying the sunshine, Makaila Vinson, sophomore, and Deyanira Meraz, freshman, ran two laps around the track. "I would say JV definitely helps just so you can get the mindset on how track works," Vinson said. Photo by Sean O'Rourke





just hit it Determined, Olivia Candelaria, sophomore, warms up before a game. The bonds she shared with her teammates kept her grounded. "Mentally, you have to stay focused as a team," Candelaria said. Photo by Elizabeth Fonseca **fast pitch** In a game against Hobart, Ryan Kuechenberg, freshman, attempts to get a strike out. "We had a tournament towards the end of the year that I really wanted to win for our freshmen team," Kuechenberg said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **out of the park** After batting, Allan Dedelow, freshman, runs towards home base. Second sentence goes here. "I really wanted to push myself this year," Dedelow said. "The team this year encouraged me to be better and hopefully make Varsity next year." Photo by Todd McKechnie

"When I was at DECA State, I went out to eat with Isabella Scalzo and a couple of her friends. At the restaurant there were a couple of coaches from the NFL combine. I opened the door and didn't hold it open for the girls and one of the coaches yelled at me and made me hold the door open for everyone." Blake Marcotte, 10

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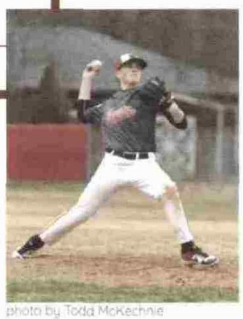
freshmen baseball

(front row) Damien Unzueta, Eric Flore-Medina, Clayton Sinwelski, Eddie Minniefield, Sam Forelt, Henry Hofferth, Allan Dedelow **(back row)** Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Chris Iatrides, Ryan Kuechenberg, Jake Thometz, Austin Talbot, Will Moell, Tyler Lukowski, Robert Chambers, Coach Mark Strbjak

Ryan Kuechenberg, freshmen, pitches during a game



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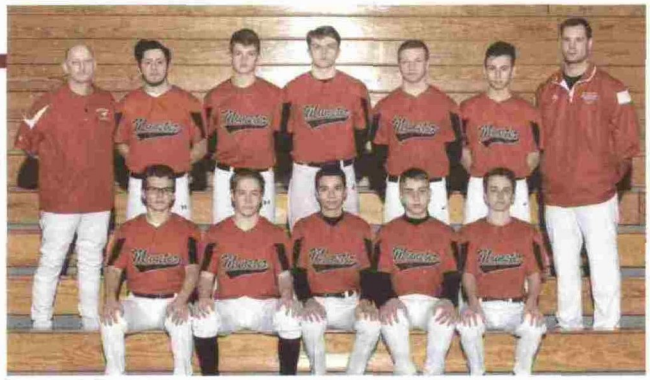
jv baseball

(front row) Joey Hillegonds, Kyle Basile, Mason Cortopassi, Stephen Heritage, Ben Greiner **(back row)** Coach Matt Backs, Cristiaan Aguilar, Justin Bobb, Josh Batur, Zach Beerling, Tommy Sotiropoulos, Coach Mark Strbjak



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(front row) Cade Howard, Adam Daniels, Ronnie Nowak, Alphonzo Franks, Mike Biel, Garrett Manous, Cayleb Mendoza, Derrick Wiening **(second row)** Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Drew Westland, Evan Wittkamp, Nick Fies, Ronan Meyer, Jeff Ballard, Andrew Manous, Coach Matt Backs **(back row)** Coach John Premetz, Bryce Schaum, Will Melby, Costa Sirounis, Coach Bob Shinkan, Brady Ginaven, Matt Tripenfeldas, Nick Hamilton, Coach Mark Strbjak

"Let's bring home some hardware this year and Roll Stangs."
Ronnie Nowak, 11

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(front row) Matt Deering, DJ Fesko, Blake Siurek, Jake Galosich, Luke Dragicevich, Brink Wolak **(back row)** Max Ladd, Reese Vanek, Coach Bill Smitka, Aleks Maric, John Stanko

Aleks Maric, freshman, putts the ball during golf practice

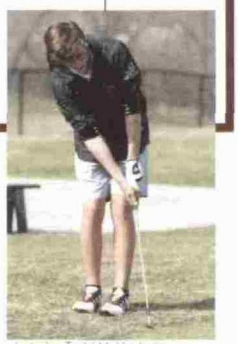

photo by Todd McKechnie

"I remember when Brooke (Gardiner) and I went to a Sam Hunt concert and we got lost and we couldn't find our way when it started raining." **Isabella Scalzo, 11**

photo by Elizabeth Fonseca

Abigail Silva, freshman, gets ready to hit the ball

"I love playing softball and love the team I'm with even more. It's always gonna be a good time no matter what."
Ally Barath 9

jv softball

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(team members) Morgan Kazragys, Shannen Smolinski, Avery Beerling, Abigail Silva, Olivia Porter, Ally Barath, Brianna Egebrecht, Kayla Ziel, Karyn Beiruti, Julia Hoop, Marisa Chavez, Ava Jureczko, Emma Geary, Addison Jones, Evneki Crenshaw, Isabella Perez, Alayna Blasko, Madeline Sajn, Olivia Candelaria, Coach Jill Wichert, Coach Kathleen LaPorte

varsity softball

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(front row) Viviana Gonzales, Jordan Duff, Mia Adamus, Emma Geary, Kayla Ziel, Ariel Gallardo **(second row)** Dayton Elliott, Daija Williams, Marisa Chavez, Samantha Sellers, Kya Vesa, Julia Hoop **(back row)** Coach Tom DeGiulio, Coach Kathleen LaPorte, Paige Vukadinovich, Holly Kaim, Coach Beth Raspopovich, Emily Dato, Hailey Sullivan, Coach Taylor Michalski, Coach Dan Sims

"Softball is everything. Mentally (before a game) I just try to stay calm. A lot of girls get worked up especially being young."
Daija Williams, 11

photo by Lilia Brunetti

Emily Rakich, sophomore, strikes a forehand to her opponent

(front row) Marisa Crescent, Ami Shah, Dana Savarino, Belle Mora, Waaniya Irfan, Asmae Zehraoui, Shivani Callur **(second row)** Addy Klawitter, Natalie Mansour, Shalini Tallamraju, Devshree Patel, Riley Ramirez, Shriya Iyer, Emmaline Miller, Elizabeth Fesko **(back row)** Coach Patrick Spohr, Monica Frenczek, Sanjana Tallamraju, Karolina Sroka, Alyse Lepir, Hazel Wolf, Maria Delis, Emily Rakich, Coach Taha Qureshi

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due to publishing deadlines, spring sports schedules have only been included

"At lunch, Skylar (Van Ermen) was wearing someone else's jacket and spilled yogurt all over herself." **Brooke Gardiner, 11**

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"The best part of track is running back and forth across the field to cheer on your teammates. Sometimes races would be really close and we could beat them right at the end if everyone cheered."

Audrey Stooksbury, 12

(front row) Annie Abioye, Alicia Chudziak, Bree Karl, Audrey Stooksbury, Faith Eriks, Becca Thompson, Erin Gonzales, Nicole Jen, Adeyah Shine, Ella McComis, Madison Lakomek, Brisa Bohling, Nicole Roberts (second row) MaKaila Vinson, Faith Muczynski, Kristen Baurain, Rebecca Franco, Sophia Brunetti, Maria Blaesing, Hannah Salamanca, Myra Peralta, Patricia Proctor, Lea Yeo, Annie Foreit, Deya Meraz, Gianna Hough, Alison Lee, Kaylie Eriks, Lilly Plebanski, Naomi Gandarilla, KayLauren Gruber (third row) Coach Larry Hautzinger, Iris Peck, Anna Flynn, Alexis Berumen, Natasha Truett, Annie Gilhooly, Sydney Skrobot, Catherine Eliopoulos, Trinitee Hassan, Paulina Alvarado, Mollie Clark, Ryan Hughes, Kylie Reed, Uyai Edet, Madaline Bell, Catherine Ornelas, Mia Tumacder, Melinda Michalski, Jada Smith, Coach Dan Weiss (last row) Coach Carl Fields, Megan Flynn, Racheal Abioye, Sophia Farias, Clara Zuniga, Alice Foley, Emma Phillips, Imani Brown, Marina Gronkiewicz, Hannah Robbins, Clara Terry, Emily Eisha, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, Olivia Paprstein, Zoie Bailey, Aleena Mongerie, Grace Clark, Carson Kekelik, Nicole Baginski, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Katie Hemingway, Coach Kayla Mehok

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"Tearing my ACL was the worst pain I've ever felt, but it was nothing compared to my disappointment. I had to miss out on my senior year cross season. That is why I worked so hard to recover."

Will McComis, 12

boys' track and field

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"One time during a lacrosse game, Deven Burse was playing a center defense and still managed to score." **Skylar Van Ermen, 11**

What memory will you take with you from this year?

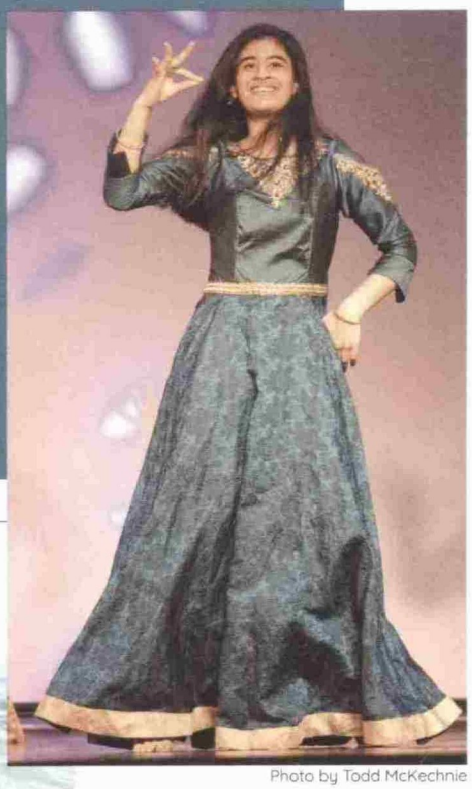
"I had so much fun with my lunch table everyday. We always looked at funny memes and sometimes played 45 minute fart noise compilation videos."
Emme Poulston, 11

"Me, Brett and Blake (Stepanovich) were all at my house and I have a hoop right by my garage. Blake grabbed my ladder and I climbed up the ladder to get on the roof. He passed me the ball and I jumped off the roof to dunk it into my hoop, and then I broke my entire hoop. Then when I landed, I twisted my ankle."
Ken Miles, 12

"State finals for Marching Band because it was the last time me and the other seniors were going to be able to perform on the field, and it was a very special moment for us knowing that after spending four years together we won't be on the same field again."
Gabe McKnight, 12

"The day after Christmas I went with some friends to Chicago to celebrate Toni's (Linnane) birthday. It was a lot of fun because we went to the Bean, got dinner at Maggiano's, and walked around State Street. It was probably the best thing I've done the entire school year because for once I was out of the house and being social."
Cameron Adams, 11

"One of my favorite memories was when I went to a basketball game and just hung out with my friends. It was really fun and we got to know each other."
Ariana Casas, 11



Dancing, **Anushka Majety**, freshmen, performs on stage at HUM night.

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Wading in the ocean, **Alyssa Valadez**, junior, enjoys her time in Hawaii over Spring Break.

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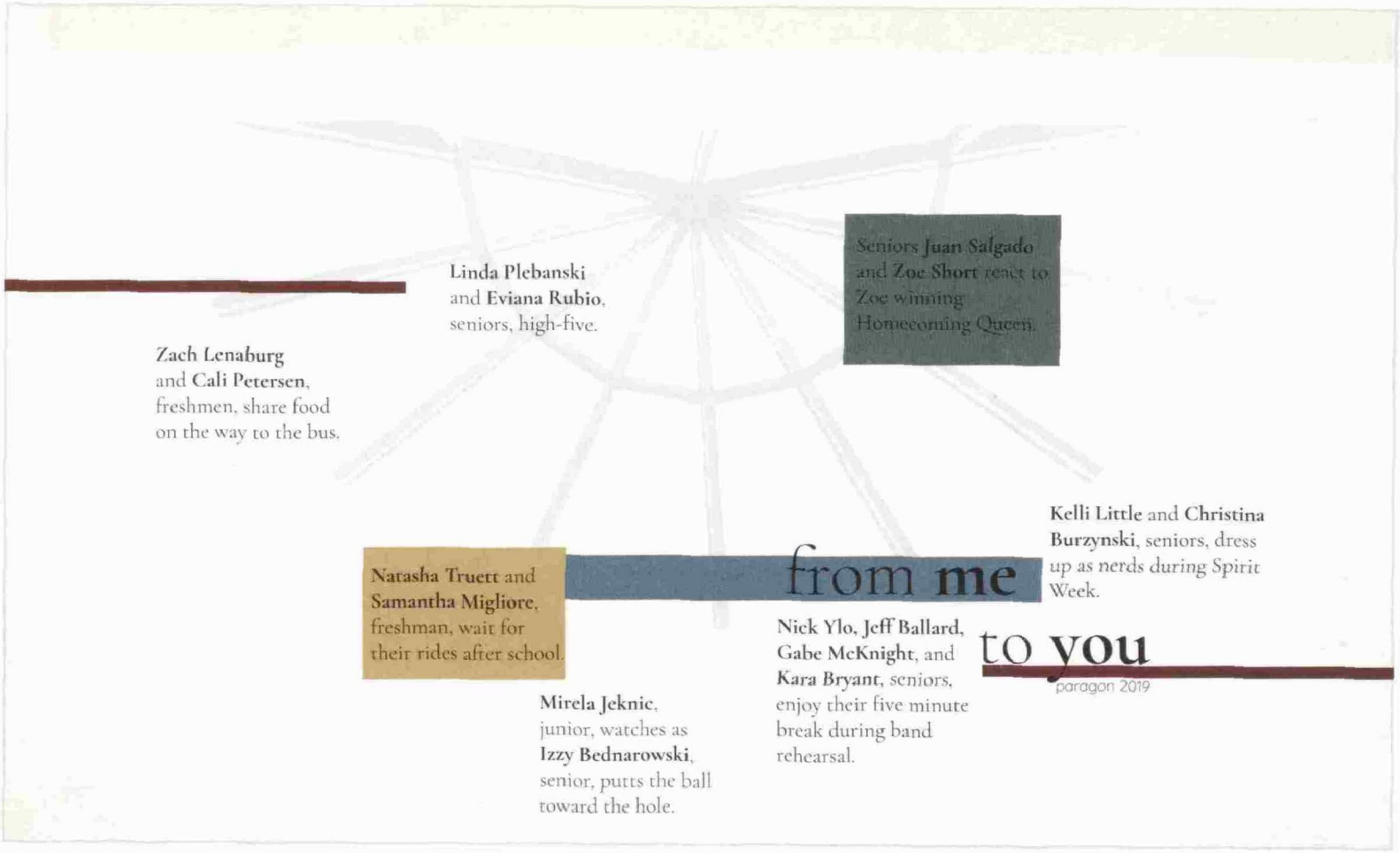

Linda Plebanski and **Eviana Rubio**, seniors, high-five.

Seniors **Juan Salgado** and **Zoe Short** react to Zoe winning Homecoming Queen.

Zach Lenaburg and **Cali Petersen**, freshmen, share food on the way to the bus.

Kelli Little and **Christina Burzynski**, seniors, dress up as nerds during Spirit Week.

Natasha Truett and **Samantha Migliore**, freshman, wait for their rides after school.

Nick Ylo, Jeff Ballard, Gabe McKnight, and **Kara Bryant**, seniors, enjoy their five minute break during band rehearsal.

Mirela Jeknic, junior, watches as **Izzy Bednarowski**, senior, putts the ball toward the hole.

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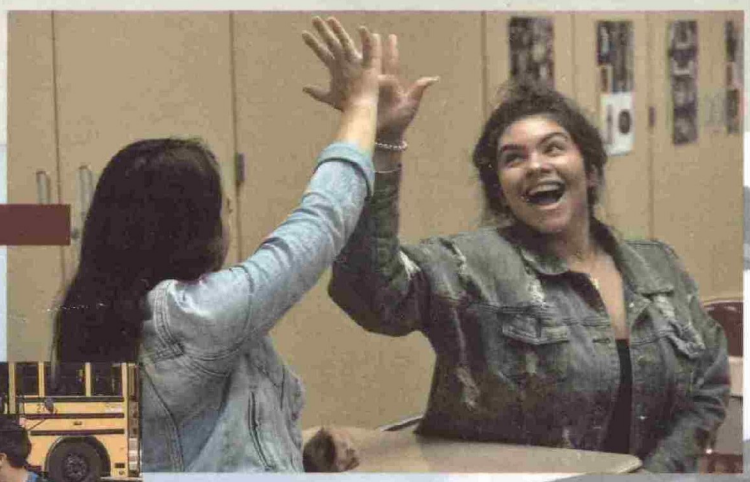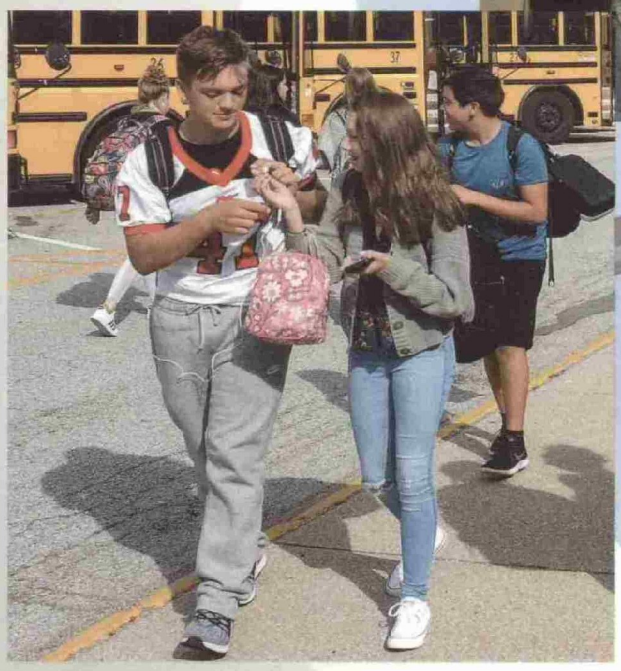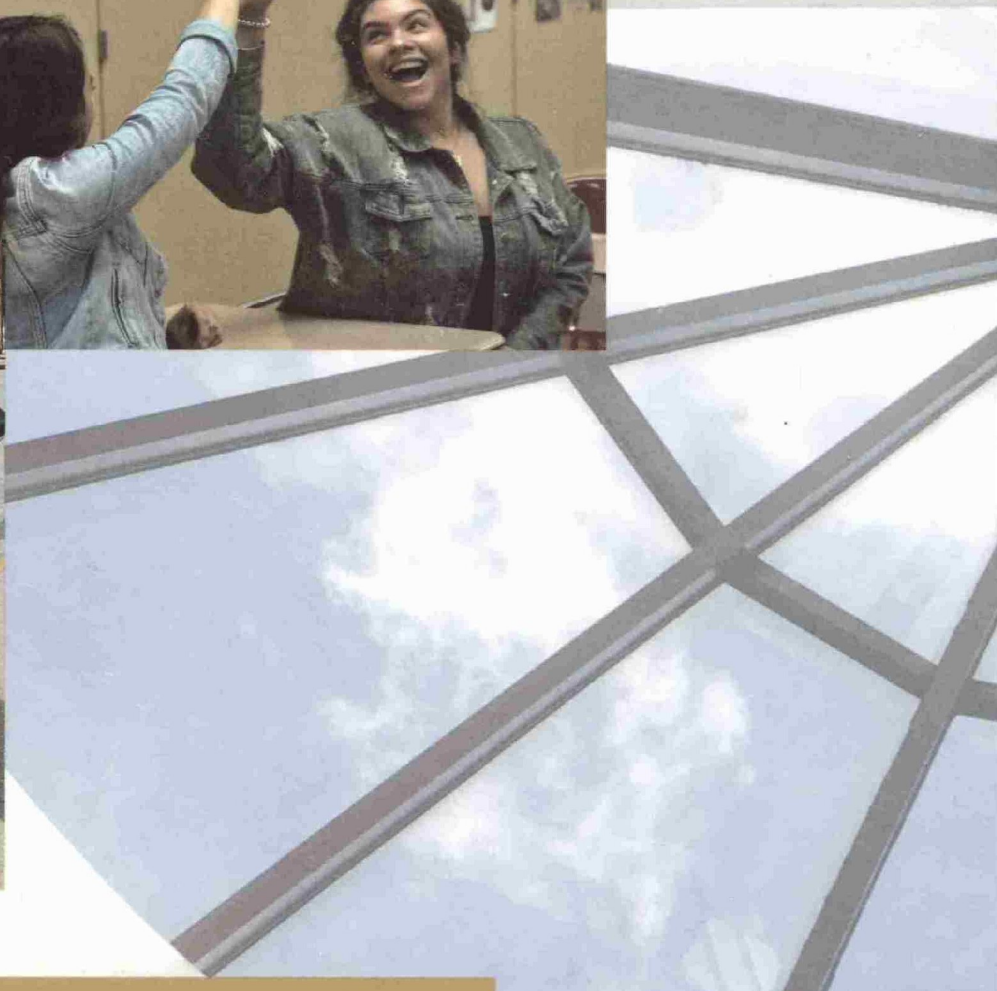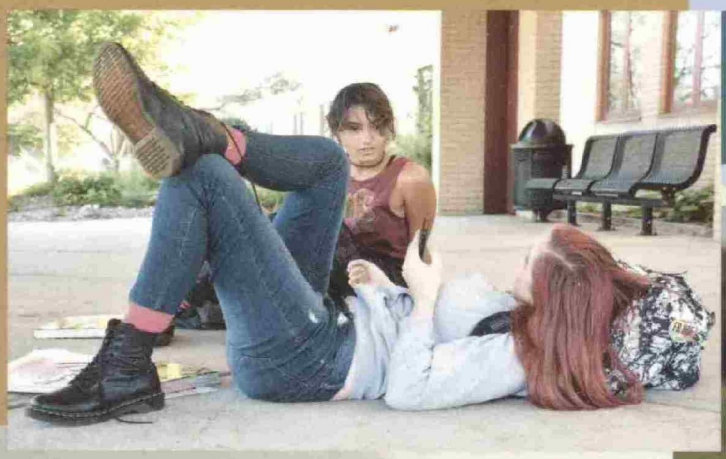
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